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Porter W. Lowry

M. E. Grand High Priest.

1915-1916.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF

# THE GRAND

# HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

# OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1916,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED *and* TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

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## OF PENNSYLVANIA
## 1795-1916

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
MARCH 2, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

PRESENT:

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|---|---|---|
| Comp. | PORTER W. LOWRY, | *M. E. Grand High Priest.* |
| " | THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., | *M. E. Grand King.* |
| " | DAVID J. DAVIS, | *M. E. Grand Scribe.* |
| " | EDWARD B. SPENCER, | *M. E. Grand Treasurer.* |
| " | STOCKTON BATES, | *M. E. Grand Secretary.* |
| " | REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, | *Grand Captain of the Host.* |
| " | BENJAMIN EISEMAN, | *Grand Principal Sojourner.* |
| " | ROBERT COLE, | as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.* |
| " | CHARLES F. BOWER, | as *Grand Master of the Third Vail.* |
| " | JOHN FETCH, | as *Grand Master of the Second Vail.* |
| " | BENJAMIN BISWANGER, | as *Grand Master of the First Vail.* |
| " | JOSEPH E. QUINBY, | *Grand Marshal.* |
| " | GEORGE B. HANNUM, | as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.* |
| " | RALPH MINEHART, | *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.* |
| " | CHARLES S. WOOD, | *Grand Pursuivant.* |
| " | WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, | *Grand Tyler.* |

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, RORERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, MILTON E. GINGRICH, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, CHARLES E. COOPER.

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*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

*Grand Representatives.*

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 169, 171, 173, 175, 183, 185, 189, 190, 197, 201, 208, 214, 216, 219, 220, 222, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 239, 240, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 262, 264, 266, 270, 271, 273, 277, 284, 301. (46 Chapters.) (118 members.) (12 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Monday, December 27, 1915, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws were received from Chapters Nos. 180, 236, 238, 250, 251 and 301, and Chapters Nos. 173, 175, 211 and 215 and were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Quarterly Report, which was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

## QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from November 20, 1915, to February 26, 1916, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

### RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Chapters and Mark Lodges | $11,118 90 | |
| " Certificates | 6 00 | |
| " Constitutions | 5 00 | |
| " Dispensations | 4 00 | |
| " Interest on Investments | 393 75 | |
| " Warrants | 400 00 | |
| | | $11,927 65 |
| To which add Cash on hand November 20, 1915... | | 62 43 |
| | | $11,990 08 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Clothing and Furniture | $ 401 63 | |
| Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest | 500 00 | |
| Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests | 1,131 97 | |
| Instruction in the Work | 100 00 | |
| Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc. | 280 56 | |
| Salaries | 1,037 50 | |
| Telephone | 26 83 | |
| Incidentals | 85 00 | |
| | $ 3,563 49 | |
| To which add Balance Cash February 26, 1916.... | 8,426 59 | |
| | | $11,990 08 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
*Committee.*

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 2, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report, that they have examined the proposed codes of By-laws and proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 152, 236, 250 and 301 be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 180 be returned to it with the request that the report be signed by the Committee appointed by the Chapter.

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 251 be amended by striking out in Article IX, Section 1, 25 years and inserting in lieu thereof 20 years, and that as so amended they be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 238 be amended by striking out in Article IX, Section 1, $30.00 and inserting in lieu thereof $50.00, and that as so amended they be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendment to By-laws of Chapter No. 211 be returned to it with the request that a new code of By-laws be adopted in conformity with the prescribed form.

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 173 and 175 be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendment to By-laws of Chapter No. 215 be amended by adding Article IX, Section 1, and amending it, by striking out $40.00 and inserting in lieu thereof $50.00, and that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
*Committee.*

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then called for a report from the Committee on Charity, Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion GEORGE W.

KENDRICK, JR., Chairman. After a pause he said with impressive solemnity "He does not answer." He then added:

"In making a formal announcement of the passing away of M. E. P. G. H. P. Companion George Washington Kendrick, Junior, I feel that I am voicing the real heart feeling of all the Companions throughout this great Jurisdiction, who had the pleasure and honor of the acquaintance of this Great Mason, in lamenting his going out from us. All the honors in Masonry were heaped upon him, and from my recollection of the history of Masonry in this State our deceased Companion stands alone in having been placed at the head of all the Grand Bodies in this Jurisdiction. He served well, and his Masonic career was active, enthusiastic and unceasing to the day of his death. He reached a good old age, but his years seemed to add to his enthusiasm and it continued unabated. His home life was beautiful and he was bound by the dearest ties of affection to his own. He has now gone out from us, and his voice is hushed that we shall hear it no more. A suitable Memorial to our deceased Companion will be prepared and read at our Quarterly Communication in June."

The following report was received from the Committee on Printing and Publishing:

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1915, were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, the International Printing Company.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,

*Committee.*

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 21, 52, 91, 150, 162, 163, 164, 166, 170, 171, 173, 174, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 185, 186, 187, 191, 192, 193, 199, 200, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 212, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220, 224, 225, 227, 230, 233, 234, 236, 237, 241, 242, 244, 245, 246, 247, 249, 254, 255, 257, 260, 261, 263, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 271, 272, 273, 274, 276, 278, 280, 281, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 291, 294, 295, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced that he had appointed Companion George W. Seeds a Trustee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Edward Perry, and M. E. Companion Hibbert P. John, Past Grand High Priest, as Chairman of the Committee on Charity, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Benjamin Franklin Frymier, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Died December 3, 1915.

M. E. Companion John T. Williamson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. Died December 10, 1915.

M. E. Companion Harvey S. Abel, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died December 20, 1915.

M. E. Companion GEORGE S. POWELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died December 20, 1915.

M. E. Companion VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Delaware. Died December 28, 1915.

M. E. Companion DANIEL MCDONALD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Indiana. Died January 9, 1916.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by Companion CHARLES F. BOWER, King of University Chapter No. 256, acting as Worshipful Master, assisted by officers of the Chapter.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,
*Grand Secretary.*

# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
JUNE 8, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

PRESENT:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Comp. | Porter W. Lowry, | *M. E. Grand High Priest.* |
| " | Thomas McConnell, Jr., | *M. E. Grand King.* |
| " | David J. Davis, | *M. E. Grand Scribe.* |
| " | Edward B. Spencer, | *M. E. Grand Treasurer.* |
| " | Warren T. Walker, | *Assistant Grand Secretary.* |
| " | Rev. Wm. B. Chalfant, D. D., | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | Rev. John G. Wilson, D. D., | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | Rev. Edward W. Rushton, | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | S. E. Burke Kinsloe, | *Grand Captain of the Host.* |
| " | Benjamin Eiseman, | *Grand Principal Sojourner.* |
| " | Frank W. Martenis, | *Grand Royal Arch Captain.* |
| " | Robert A. Walker, | *Grand Master of the Third Vail.* |
| " | George B. Hannum, | as *Grand Master of the Second Vail.* |
| " | J. William Pancoast, | *Grand Master of the First Vail.* |
| " | Joseph E. Quinby, | *Grand Marshal.* |
| " | John Fetch, | as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.* |
| " | Robert D. Cole, | as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.* |
| " | Charles S. Wood, | *Grand Pursuivant.* |
| " | William B. Joslyn, | *Grand Tyler.* |

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions Paul J. Pontius, Robert G. Smith, Samuel K. Louchheim, John H. Bennett, Charles R. Roberts, Charles H. Tilton, Charles H. Weaver, Peter K. Filbert, Arthur W. Gillan, Henry M. Kinsel, Edward Hope, David Carlin, Edmund W. Boots, John A. Armstrong.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, Edward B. Spencer, J. Henry Williams, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom, A. G. Criswell Smith, George B. Wells, Porter W. Lowry.

*Grand Representatives.*

Comp. Frank W. Martenis, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" Andrew H. Hershey, of Grand Chapter of California.
" Samuel Shaw, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 162, 167, 169, 171, 174, 175, 176, 183, 185, 189, 190, 192, 196, 197, 198, 199, 202, 208, 214, 220, 221, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 262, 266, 273, 275, 284, 291. (50 Chapters.) (88 members.) (23 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 2, 1916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 171, 176, 177, 190, 211, 243 and from 238 and 251 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

## QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, and the books of the Assistant Grand Secretary, from February 26, 1916, to June 1, 1916, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

### RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Chapters and Mark Lodges | $ 957 70 | |
| Certificates | 6 00 | |
| Constitutions | 1 00 | |
| Interest on Investments | 385 00 | |
| Total | | $ 1,349 70 |
| To which add Balance February 26, 1916 | | 8,426 59 |
| | | $ 9,776 29 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Clothing and Furniture | $ 194 56 | |
| Expenses of Most Excellent Grand High Priest | 1,025 00 | |
| Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests | 42 75 | |
| Investment | 1,000 00 | |
| Printing, Postage and Stationery | 371 78 | |
| Salaries | 937 50 | |
| Telephone | 32 68 | |
| Flowers and Carriages for the Funerals of Companions Kendrick and Bates | 121 00 | |
| Express and Spring Water | 3 23 | |
| Repairs to Typewriter | 2 20 | |
| | $ 3,730 70 | |
| To which add Balance June 1, 1916 | 6,045 59 | |
| | | $ 9,776 29 |

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
*Committee.*

The Committee on Finance offered the following

RESOLUTION:

*Resolved,* That the request of Girard Mark Lodge No. 214 for rebate of $21.80 covering per capita tax paid on deceased members be referred to Grand Chapter with recommendation that the rebate be allowed.

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the resolution offered by the Committee on Finance was unanimously approved.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed By-laws and proposed Amendments referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 171, 176, 190, 211 and 243 be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 238 and 251 be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 177 be amended by striking out in Article IX, Section 1, twenty-five years and inserting in lieu thereof twenty years and that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
*Committee.*

General Return was received from Chapter No. 204.

A memorial upon M. E. Companion, Past Grand High Priest, George Washington Kendrick, Jr., was read by M. E. Companion A. G. Criswell Smith and a memorial upon M. E. Grand Secretary Stockton Bates was read by M. E. Companion George B. Wells, both of which were ordered by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to be printed, a copy presented to the family in each case, a copy to be mailed to each officer of Grand Chapter, to each subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction and to each Grand Chapter in correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and each of the memorials to be spread in full upon the minutes of Grand Chapter.

A petition was presented from a number of Companions of Allentown, not members of a Chapter, praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known as Jordan Royal Arch Chapter. On motion it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following appointments of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest were announced:

Companion William R. Murphey, Correspondence Committee vice Stockton Bates, deceased.

Companion David J. Davis, Grand Representative for New Hampshire.

Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, Grand Representative for Rhode Island.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand Representative for Vermont.

Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, Grand Representative for Washington.

Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, Grand Representative for Wyoming.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters, announcing death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

R. E. Companion JOHN ROBERT CHARLTON, Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. Died October 30, 1915.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. HAWKINS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died December 26, 1915.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. ROLLER, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died February 8, 1916.

M. E. Companion JOHN J. TOBLE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died January 3, 1916.

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M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. WOLLIHIN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia. Died February 9, 1916.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa. Died February 19, 1916.

M. E. Companion GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died March 17, 1916.

M. E. Companion DWIGHT M. BALDWIN, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died March 19, 1916.

M. E. Companion CHARLES F. JACKSON, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina. Died April 10, 1916.

M. E. Companion REV. WILLIAM P. SMITH, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Died April 23, 1916.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest made the following announcement:

Under the provisions of Section six (6) of Article five (5) of the Constitution, I hereby appoint M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, as Most Excellent Grand Secretary of the

Grand Chapter, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Stockton Bates. This appointment to take effect as of this date.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Companion Robert A. Raven, High Priest of Germantown Chapter No. 208, as Most Excellent Master, assisted by Richard P. Mogridge, as Senior Warden; Alfred Marple, as Junior Warden, and the other officers of Germantown Chapter.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty minutes.

Warren T. Walker,
*Assistant Grand Secretary.*

# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

SEPTEMBER 7, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

PRESENT:

Comp. PORTER W. LOWRY, . . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . . *M. E. Grand King.*
" DAVID J. DAVIS, . . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" GEORGE B. WELLS, . . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
" WARREN T. WALKER, . . . *Assistant Grand Secretary.*
" REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., *Grand Chaplain.*
" REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D.D., . *Grand Chaplain.*
" REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
" BENJAMIN EISEMAN, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
" FRANK W. MARTENIS, . . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" ROBERT A. WALKER, . . . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
" JOHN FETCH, . . . . as *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
" J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . . *Grand Marshal.*
" GEORGE P. DARROW, . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" RALPH C. MINEHART, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" CHARLES S. WOOD, . . . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, WAYNE J. PENNELL, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, O. BRUCE PORTER, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDWARD HOPE, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDWARD B. SPENCER, H. OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

*Grand Representatives.*

Comp. William A. Rhoads, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" Frank W. Martenis, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" Andrew H. Hershey, of Grand Chapter of California.
" Samuel Shaw, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" H. Oscar Kline, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. Henry Williams, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" Charles E. Cooper, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" David J. Davis, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Thomas McConnell, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Porter W. Lowry, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. Howard Thomas, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Peter Barkey, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" Joseph E. Quinby, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" Arthur W. Gillan, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
" William F. Shay, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

M. E. Companions Jared A. Reed, Grand High Priest; C. Wesley Orr, Deputy Grand High Priest; George E. Briggs, Grand Master of the Third Vail; Ernest W. Lovejoy, Grand Master of the First Vail; and Marshall F. Hemmingway, Grand Lecturer, all of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of New York.

R. E. Companions Oliver C. Wareheim, Grand Scribe; Robert M. Rother, Grand Treasurer; John H. Miller, Grand Secretary; Warren S. Seipp, Grand Lecturer, all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.

M. E. Companions Frederick T. Crane, Grand High Priest; William H. Lowe, Deputy Grand High Priest; Andrew N. McKinnon, Grand King; Louis A. Menegaux, Grand Scribe; Josiah C. Davidson, Grand Master of the Third Vail; John D. Brandriff, Grand Master of the Second Vail; Past Grand High Priests Frederick M. Melvin, Nelson Y. Dungan, William A. Grosscup, Robert A. Meeker, Henry S. Haines, Abram A. Reger and L. D. Sanborn, all of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 163, 165, 169, 171, 175, 177, 183, 185, 190, 197, 203, 208, 220, 232, 233, 237, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 270, 273, 277, 278, 284, 298. (38 Chapters.) (78 members.) (13 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 8, 1916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 204, 281, 300, and from 199 and 208 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following Quarterly Report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from June 1, 1916, to September 1, 1916, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Chapters and Mark Lodges | $ 384 70 | |
| " Certificates | 2 00 | |
| " Constitutions | 2 00 | |
| " Dispensations | 4 00 | |
| " Interest on Deposits | 31 40 | |
| " Interest on Investments | 495 75 | |
| " Warrant Jordan Chapter | 200 00 | |
| Total | | $1,119 85 |
| To which add Balance June 1, 1916 | | 6,045 59 |
| | | $7,165 44 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Clothing and Furniture | $ | 4 80 |
| " Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests | | 159 88 |
| " Instruction and Work | | 19 42 |
| " Investments | | 14 23 |
| " Masonic Home Annual Donation | | 500 00 |
| " Printing, Postage and Stationery | | 714 13 |
| " Salaries | | 987 50 |
| " Telephone | | 19 52 |
| " Changing Safe Combination | | 1 50 |
| " Spring Water | | 3 00 |
| " Express | | 31 |
| " Flowers, Funeral Benj. F. Delo | | 12 35 |
| Total | $ | 2,436 64 |
| To which add Balance September 1, 1916 | | 4,728 80 |
| | | $7,165 44 |

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
*Committee.*

## The Committee on Finance also offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended by striking out 30 cents in line four, page 29, and inserting in lieu thereof 50 cents, so that this part of Section 1 will read:

"Annual dues for each member of a Chapter 50 cents."

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
*Committee.*

*Resolved*, That a copy of the proposed Amendment be sent to each subordinate Chapter of this Jurisdiction at least thirty days prior to the next Quarterly Communication, with notice that the same will be considered and acted upon at that time.

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the second of the above resolutions was unanimously approved.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, September 7, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws report that they have examined the proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendment to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 199 and 208 be approved.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
*Committee.*

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 4, A. D. 1916.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1915, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Membership, December 27, 1914, as per last report ..... | | | 35,118 |
| Admitted during the year 1915..... | | 194 | |
| Restored to membership ..... | | 56 | |
| Marked, etc. ..... | | 1,837 | 2,087 |
| Total ..... | | | 37,205 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Deduct.* | | |
| Died during the year 1915 | 607 | |
| Resigned, or Membership ceased | 277 | |
| Suspended or Expelled | 357 | 1,241 |
| Membership, December 27, 1915, per returns | | 35,964 |
| A net gain of | 846 | |
| Rejected during 1915 | 62 | |
| Restored to G. M. S. | 11 | |

MARK LODGES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Membership, December 27, 1914 | | 201 |
| Restored | | 1 |
| Total | | 202 |
| Died during the year 1915 | | 10 |
| Membership, December 27, 1915 | | 192 |
| Number of Chapters, December 27, 1915, | 142 | |
| Number of Mark Lodges | 2 | |

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. WELLS,
*Grand Secretary.*

# STATISTICS

## From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1915.

| No. | Name | Marked | Adm. | Died | Res. | Sus. | Memb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Jerusalem | 32 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 701 |
| 21 | Perseverance | 15 | 1 | 7 | | 1 | 338 |
| 43 | | 22 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 360 |
| 52 | Harmony | 39 | 4 | 36 | 5 | 13 | 1,178 |
| 91 | Columbia | 38 | 4 | 16 | 4 | 15 | 765 |
| 150 | Washington | 21 | | 5 | 1 | | 300 |
| 152 | Reading | 5 | 1 | 4 | | 3 | 249 |
| 159 | Schuylkill | 3 | | 3 | | | 52 |
| 161 | Union | 4 | | 3 | 1 | 11 | 198 |
| 162 | Zerubbabel | 25 | 3 | 17 | 50 | 8 | 1,180 |
| 163 | La Fayette | 10 | | 1 | 1 | | 175 |
| 164 | Brownsville | 18 | | 4 | 2 | | 167 |
| 165 | Union | 2 | | 4 | 6 | | 223 |
| 166 | Mount Moriah | 6 | | 2 | | | 119 |
| 167 | Eureka | 12 | | 2 | | | 184 |
| 169 | Philadelphia | 4 | | 7 | 2 | | 248 |
| 170 | Delta | 8 | | 5 | 1 | 3 | 381 |
| 171 | St. John's | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 150 |
| 172 | Temple | 8 | 1 | | | 7 | 116 |
| 173 | Easton | 26 | | 2 | | 4 | 326 |
| 174 | Northumberland | 6 | | 2 | | 2 | 155 |
| 175 | Keystone | 31 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 681 |
| 176 | George Washington | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | 154 |
| 177 | Tamaqua | 6 | | 1 | 1 | | 86 |
| 178 | Catawissa | 13 | | | | | 57 |
| 179 | Eureka | 8 | | 4 | | | 182 |
| 180 | Warren | 1 | | | | | 48 |
| 181 | Lilly | 8 | | 2 | | | 147 |
| 182 | Shekinah | 36 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 369 |
| 183 | Oriental | 36 | 4 | 36 | 4 | | 1,243 |
| 185 | Lackawanna | 50 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 475 |
| 186 | Lewistown | 14 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 121 |
| 187 | Oriental | 1 | | | | | 94 |
| 189 | Mountain | 14 | 5 | 4 | | 6 | 392 |

| No. | Name | Marked | Adm. | Died | Res. | Sus. | Memb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 190 | Norristown | 32 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 438 |
| 191 | Solomon | 6 | | 1 | | | 130 |
| 192 | Urania | 31 | | 1 | 2 | | 370 |
| 193 | Duquesne | 31 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 9 | 985 |
| 194 | Tioga | 5 | | | | | 60 |
| 195 | Portage | 26 | 1 | 8 | | | 295 |
| 196 | Mountain City | 6 | 2 | 1 | | | 174 |
| 197 | Weidle | 21 | | 5 | | | 198 |
| 198 | Phœnix | 14 | | 6 | 1 | 15 | 252 |
| 199 | Howell | 16 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 260 |
| 200 | Columbus | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 110 |
| 201 | Standing Stone | 2 | | | | | 107 |
| 202 | Howell | 12 | | 3 | | 1 | 181 |
| 203 | Allen | 46 | 1 | 7 | | | 393 |
| 204 | Anthony Wayne | 4 | | 4 | | | 96 |
| 205 | Factoryville | | 1 | | 1 | | 67 |
| 206 | Harmony | 5 | | 3 | 1 | | 223 |
| 207 | Aaron | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 73 |
| 208 | Germantown | 18 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 332 |
| 209 | Samuel C. Perkins | | | 3 | | | 75 |
| 210 | Great Bend | | | | 1 | 3 | 28 |
| 211 | Venango | 12 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 221 |
| 212 | Mound | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 211 |
| 214 | Valley | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 78 |
| 215 | Temple | 14 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 457 |
| 216 | Zinzendorf | 12 | | 2 | | 3 | 131 |
| 217 | Allegheny | 16 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 828 |
| 218 | Bloomsburg | 6 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 91 |
| 219 | Griscom | 10 | | 1 | | | 122 |
| 220 | Fort Washington | 4 | | 1 | 32 | | 66 |
| 221 | Tremont | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 78 |
| 222 | Lycoming | 30 | 2 | 6 | 3 | | 485 |
| 223 | Oxford | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | 110 |
| 224 | Corinthian | 2 | | 6 | | | 131 |
| 225 | Jefferson | 11 | | 2 | | | 293 |
| 226 | Siloam | 16 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 320 |
| 227 | Emporium | | | | | | 92 |
| 228 | Clearfield | 19 | | 3 | | 8 | 230 |
| 230 | Elk | 10 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 165 |
| 232 | St. John | 8 | 3 | 11 | | 9 | 265 |
| 233 | Kensington | 16 | | 12 | 5 | 3 | 542 |
| 234 | Media | 9 | 1 | | | | 167 |

| No. | Name | Marked | Adm. | Died | Res. | Sus. | Memb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 235 | Occidental | 16 | | 3 | | 5 | 179 |
| 236 | Oil City | 10 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 252 |
| 237 | Excelsior | 18 | 3 | 9 | | 16 | 462 |
| 238 | Newport | 4 | | 2 | | | 73 |
| 239 | Danville | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 78 |
| 240 | Palestine | 26 | 2 | 14 | 5 | | 666 |
| 241 | Bellefonte | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 92 |
| 242 | Pittston | 10 | 2 | 3 | | 3 | 178 |
| 243 | T. B. Freeman | 22 | 3 | 25 | 4 | 5 | 830 |
| 244 | Norman | 10 | | 4 | | 1 | 240 |
| 245 | Abington | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 142 |
| 246 | Warrior Run | 15 | | | | 3 | 122 |
| 247 | Orient | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 244 |
| 248 | Temple | 19 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 306 |
| 249 | Monongahela | 33 | 1 | 3 | | 5 | 232 |
| 250 | Corinthian | 22 | | 6 | 1 | 8 | 354 |
| 251 | Signet | 12 | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 251 |
| 252 | Mizpah | 6 | | 3 | | | 97 |
| 254 | Arnold | 3 | | 2 | | 5 | 40 |
| 255 | Bedford | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 95 |
| 256 | University | 52 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 879 |
| 257 | Shiloh | 22 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 612 |
| 258 | Chester | 17 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 397 |
| 259 | Eden | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 4 | 178 |
| 260 | Bradford | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 251 |
| 261 | Troy | | | 2 | 2 | | 86 |
| 262 | Montgomery | 23 | | 2 | | 2 | 245 |
| 263 | Coudersport | | | 2 | | 3 | 84 |
| 264 | Shamokin | 8 | | 2 | | | 161 |
| 265 | Westfield | | | | | | 43 |
| 266 | Good Samaritan | 11 | | 2 | | | 129 |
| 267 | Coatesville | 11 | | 4 | | 1 | 202 |
| 268 | Pittsburgh | 33 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 572 |
| 269 | Ulysses | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 47 |
| 270 | Doylestown | 12 | | 2 | 1 | | 135 |
| 271 | Pottstown | 12 | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 220 |
| 272 | Hebron | 5 | | 2 | 4 | | 104 |
| 273 | Butler | 7 | 4 | 6 | | | 264 |
| 274 | Bangor | 5 | | 1 | | | 112 |
| 275 | Kennett | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 74 |
| 276 | The Susquehanna | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 70 |
| 277 | Hazleton | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 175 |

| No. | Name | Marked | Adm. | Died | Res. | Sus. | Memb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 278 | Catasauqua | 3 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 112 |
| 279 | Kane | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 85 |
| 280 | Cyrus | 24 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 390 |
| 281 | Monroe | 9 | | 2 | | 3 | 122 |
| 282 | McKeesport | 21 | | 9 | 4 | | 649 |
| 283 | Connellsville | 9 | | 1 | 1 | | 160 |
| 284 | Melita | 36 | | 7 | 5 | 11 | 723 |
| 285 | Wilkinsburg | 29 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 357 |
| 286 | Bellevue | 28 | | 3 | 1 | | 328 |
| 287 | Nanticoke | 2 | | 1 | | | 29 |
| 288 | Mizpeh | 11 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 225 |
| 289 | Valley | 8 | | 2 | | | 183 |
| 290 | Monessen | 18 | | | | | 172 |
| 291 | Ezra | 19 | 1 | | | 1 | 117 |
| 292 | Slatington | 2 | | 1 | | | 71 |
| 293 | Amity | 10 | | | | | 99 |
| 294 | Darius | 6 | | 3 | | | 93 |
| 295 | Siegfried | 11 | | 1 | | | 85 |
| 296 | Zebulun | 4 | | 1 | | | 34 |
| 297 | Homewood | 22 | | 1 | | | 150 |
| 298 | Milton | 6 | | 1 | | | 87 |
| 299 | Bellefield | 51 | 51 | | | | 102 |
| 300 | Coraopolis | | 32 | | | | 32 |
| 301 | Lansdale | | 42 | | | | 42 |
| | | 1837 | 250 | 607 | 269 | 365 | 35,964 |

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Alberta, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the death of the Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, of Clarion, Pennsylvania. Died June 13, 1916.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters, announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion ALFRED WINGATE, Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa. Died June 13, 1916.

E. Companion HENRY S. ADAMS, Grand Master of Third Vail, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Died June 24, 1916.

M. E. Companion CASWELL A. GOODLOE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. Died July 12, 1916.

M. E. Companion EDWARD R. HARE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington. Died July 16, 1916.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by Companion HAYES H. DUNCAN, High Priest of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, assisted by officers of the Chapter.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

Fraternal addresses, extending the greetings of Grand Chapters, were made by

M. E. Companion JARED A. REED, Grand High Priest of New York.

M. E. Companion MARSHALL HEMINGWAY, Grand Lecturer of New York.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK T. CRANE, Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM GROSSCUP, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

R. E. Companion OLIVER C. WARESHIME, Grand Scribe of Maryland.

R. E. Companion WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Lecturer of Maryland.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and twenty-five minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
*Grand Secretary.*

# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
DECEMBER 7, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

PRESENT:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Comp. | PORTER W. LOWRY, | *M. E. Grand High Priest.* |
| " | THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., | *M. E. Grand King.* |
| " | DAVID J. DAVIS, | *M. E. Grand Scribe.* |
| " | EDWARD B. SPENCER, | *M. E. Grand Treasurer.* |
| " | GEORGE B. WELLS, | *M. E. Grand Secretary.* |
| " | WARREN T. WALKER, | *Assistant Grand Secretary.* |
| " | REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, | *Grand Chaplain.* |
| " | S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, | *Grand Captain of the Host.* |
| " | E. MARSHALL HARVEY, | as *Grand Principal Sojourner.* |
| " | FRANK W. MARTENIS, | *Grand Royal Arch Captain.* |
| " | ROBERT A. WALKER, | *Grand Master of the Third Vail.* |
| " | JOHN FETCH, | as *Grand Master of the Second Vail* |
| " | J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, | *Grand Master of the First Vail.* |
| " | JOSEPH E. QUINBY, | *Grand Marshal.* |
| " | GEORGE P. DARROW, | *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.* |
| " | RALPH C. MINEHART, | *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.* |
| " | CHARLES S. WOOD, | *Grand Pursuivant.* |
| " | WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, | *Grand Tyler.* |

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, MILTON E. GINGRICH, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, HENRY HIPPLE, WALTON K. SWETLAND, THOMAS N. MCKEE, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

*Grand Representatives.*

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, of Grand Chapter of Colorado.
" IRA GEORGE ROSS, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
" FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" DAVID M. KINZER, of Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" WILLIAM S. SEMPLE, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOHN MCKAIN, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" FRED M. SMITH, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
" WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 217, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261,

262, 263, 264, 266, 268, 270, 271, 272, 273, 275, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 297, 298, 299, 300, 302. (119 Chapters.) (232 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 7, 1916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 159, 202, 246, 249, 302, and from 179, 208, 245 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 7, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this their Eighth Annual Report:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Consisting of the following securities:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| One | (1) $1000 | Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1 ..... | $1,000 00 |
| One | (1). $1000 | Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1902, principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1, | 1,000 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| One | (1) | $500 | Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1904, principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1, | 500 00 |
| Five | (5) | $1000 | Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificates, 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1..... | 5,000 00 |
| One | (1) | $2000 | Certificate No. 3, City of Philadelphia, Registered 4 per cent. Loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1..... | 2,000 00 |
| One | (1) | $500 | Certificate No. 28, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Registered Loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1..... | 500 00 |
| Five | (5) | $1000 | Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1..... | 5,000 00 |
| Five | (5) | $1000 | Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central Collateral Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1..... | 5,000 00 |
| Two | (2) | $1000 | Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1..... | 2,000 00 |
| Three | (3) | $1000 | Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1 ..... | 3,000 00 |
| Five | (5) | $1000 | Bonds, Reading Company, General Mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. M32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1..... | 5,000 00 |
| One | (1) | $1000 | Bond, Borough of Sheradan, Allegheny County, 5 per cent., No. 5 Funding Bond, Series H, principal due November 1, 1917, interest due May 1 and November 1 (principal registered) ..... | 1,000 00 |
| One | (1) | $1000 | Bond, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1..... | 1,000 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| One | (1) | $1000 | Bond, Philadelphia & Erie Consolidated 5 per cent. (now first mortgage), No. 11233, principal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1 | | 1,000 00 |
| Six | (6) | $1000 | Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 126, 127, 323, 328, 329 and 465, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (principal due July 1, 1931, may be called after September 1, 1916) | | 6,000 00 |
| Four | (4) | $500 | Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 75, 116, 157 and 158, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (principal due July 1, 1931, may be called after September 1, 1916) | | 2,000 00 |
| One | (1) | $1000 | Bond, No. 7023, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. Stock Trust Certificate 4 per cent., principal due June 1, 1948, interest due June 1 and December 1 | | 1,000 00 |
| | | | Having a par value of | | $42,000 00 |

PURCHASED DURING 1916.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| One | (1) | $2000 | Certificate No. 21, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (registered), interest due January 1 and July 1 | $2,000 00 | |
| One | (1) | $100 | Certificate No. 138, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (coupons), interest due January 1 and July 1 | 100 00 | 2,100 00 |
| | | | Making a grand total par value of | | $44,100 00 |

## INCOME ACCOUNT.

### RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915. | | | |
| December | 2, | Check, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern | $17 50 |
| 1916 | | | |
| January | 1, | Check, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Home Loan | 160 00 |
| | 1, | Check, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan | 15 00 |
| | 1, | Check, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan | 50 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1, | Check, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan | 26 25 |
| | 1, | Five Coupons, Philadelphia & Reading General 4's | 100 00 |
| March | 31, | Five Coupons, Reading-Jersey Central 4's | 100 00 |
| | 31, | Five Coupons, Pennsylvania Company 4's | 100 00 |
| | 31, | Check, Electric & Peoples 4's | 100 00 |
| April | 1, | Check, Philadelphia & Erie R. R. 5's | 25 00 |
| May | 12, | Check, Pennsylvania R. R. Consolidated 4 per cent. | 60 00 |
| June | 2, | Check, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern | 17 50 |
| | 5, | Coupons, Market Street Elevated | 40 00 |
| | 5, | Coupons, Borough of Sheraden | 25 00 |
| | 5, | Coupons, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk | 20 00 |
| July | 1, | Check, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent | 15 00 |
| | 1, | Check, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent | 26 25 |
| | 1, | Check, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent | 90 00 |
| | 1, | Check, Grand Lodge Masonic Loan | 160 00 |
| | 1, | Coupon, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent | 2 00 |
| | 1, | Coupon, Philadelphia & Reading General 4's | 100 00 |
| October | 9, | Check, Electric & Peoples 4's | 100 00 |
| | 9, | Check, Philadelphia & Erie 5's | 25 00 |
| | 11, | Coupons, Pennsylvania Company 4's | 100 00 |
| | 11, | Coupons, Reading-Jersey Central 4's | 100 00 |
| November | 2, | Check, Pennsylvania Consolidated | 60 00 |
| | 4, | Coupons, Market Street Elevated, Nos. 8630 and 8897 | 40 00 |
| | 4, | Coupons, Borough of Sheraden, No. 5 | 25 00 |
| | | Total | $1,699 50 |

All of which was paid over to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary immediately upon its collection, and his receipt taken therefor. In the beginning of the present Masonic year the Trustees had on hand one thousand one hundred and sixty-six (1166) dollars and thirty-three (33) cents, receiving in addition during the present year appropriations amounting to one thousand and fourteen (1014) dollars and twenty-three (23) cents, making a total of two thousand one hundred and eighty (2180) dollars and fifty-six (56) cents, which permitted them to purchase the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| One (1) $2000 Certificate No. 21, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan for | $2,075 94 |
| One (1) $100 Certificate No. 138, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan for | 104 62 |
| Totaling | $2,180 56 |

The Trustees, therefore, have no money on hand at the present time for investment.

Fraternally submitted,
J. Henry Williams,
Chas. Chipman,
George W. Seeds,
*Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.*

## The Committee on Finance made the following

### QUARTERLY REPORT.

Philadelphia, December 1, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from September 1, 1916, to November 23, 1916, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Chapters and Mark Lodges | $1,394 50 | |
| " Certificates | 2 00 | |
| " Constitutions | 1 00 | |
| " Dispensations | 3 00 | |
| " Interest on Deposits | 57 11 | |
| " Interest on Investments | 450 00 | |
| | $1,907 61 | |
| To which add balance September 1, 1916 | 4,728 80 | |
| Total | | $6,636 41 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Clothing and Furniture | $10 48 | |
| " Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest | 1,500 00 | |
| " Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests | 103 15 | |
| " Printing, Postage and Stationery | 206 18 | |
| " Rent | 1,725 00 | |
| " Salaries | 1,037 50 | |
| " Telephones | 45 90 | |
| " Spring Water | 4 00 | |
| " Rent Safe Deposit Box for the Trustees | 5 00 | |
| | $4,637 21 | |
| To which add balance November 23, 1916 | 1,999 20 | |
| Total | | $6,636 41 |

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. Criswell Smith,
J. Waelder McMullen,
E. Marshall Harvey,
Wm. M. Donaldson,
*Committee.*

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report and Estimate for the year 1917, which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

Philadelphia, December 1, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that it has examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of..... $44,100 00
as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1916, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, and showing:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Chapters and Mark Lodges | $13,855 80 | |
| " Certificates | 16 00 | |
| " Constitutions | 9 00 | |
| " Dispensations | 11 00 | |
| " Interest on Deposits | 88 51 | |
| " Interest on Investments | 1,724 50 | |
| " Warrants | 600 00 | |
| | $16,304 81 | |
| To which add balance November 20, 1915 | 62 43 | |
| Total | | $16,367 24 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Clothing and Furniture | $611 47 | |
| " Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest | 3,000 00 | |
| " Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests | 1,437 75 | |
| " Expenses Other Grand Officers | 25 00 | |
| " Instruction in the Work | 119 42 | |
| " Investments | 1,014 23 | |
| " The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania | 500 00 | |
| " Printing, Postage and Stationery | 1,572 65 | |
| " Rent | 1,725 00 | |
| " Salaries | 4,000 00 | |
| " Telephones | 124 93 | |
| " Incidentals | 237 59 | |
| | $14,368 04 | |
| To which add balance November 23, 1916 | 1,999 20 | |
| Total | | $16,367 24 |

| | |
|---|---|
| The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund as per last Report, showed a Balance of | $1,206 63 |
| Add Interest credited March 1, 1916 | 12 00 |
| Add Interest credited September 1, 1916 | 12 23 |
| Shows the total Balance in this Fund to be | $1,230 86 |

ESTIMATES FOR 1917.

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From Chapters and Mark Lodges | $13,500 00 | |
| " Interest on Investments | 1,850 00 | |
| " Constitution, Dispensations and Certificates | 35 00 | |
| | | $15,385 00 |
| Balance November 23, 1916 | $1,999 20 | |
| Less Salaries due December 7, 1916 | 987 50 | |
| | | 1,011 70 |
| Total | | $16,396 70 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest | $3,000 00 | |
| " Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests | 1,600 00 | |
| " Expenses Other Grand Officers | 500 00 | |
| " Salaries: | | |
| M. E. Grand Secretary | $2,000 00 | |
| Grand Secretary Emeritus | 500 00 | |
| Assistant Grand Secretary | 1,200 00 | |
| Grand Tyler | 250 00 | |
| | 3,950 00 | |
| " Rent | 1,750 00 | |
| " Printing, Postage and Stationery | 1,925 00 | |
| " Jewel for retiring Grand High Priest | 125 00 | |
| " Telephones and Incidentals | 350 00 | |
| " Instruction in the Work | 500 00 | |
| " Clothing and Furniture | 1,000 00 | |
| " Investment | 1,000 00 | |
| " Masonic Home of Pennsylvania | 500 00 | |
| | $16,200 00 | |
| Estimated Balance | 196 70 | |
| Total | | $16,396 70 |

The Committee offers the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is

hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,
A. G. Criswell Smith,
J. Waelder McMullen,
E. Marshall Harvey,
Wm. M. Donaldson,
*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on By-laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

Philadelphia, Pa., November 23, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

Companions:—Your Committee to whom was referred the proposed By-laws and the proposed Amendments to By-laws have attended to their duty and offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 159, 202, 249, 281 and 300 be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 179, 208 and 245 be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 246 be returned that the Chapter may provide for a permanent fund for life membership fees.

*Resolved,* That the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 204 be amended by striking out in Article IX, Section 1, $40.00 and inserting in lieu thereof $50.00.

Fraternally submitted,
Carl A. Sundstrom,
Fenton H. Middleton,
A. Howard Thomas,
William A. Rhoads,
Wm. R. Sutch,
*Committee.*

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 7, 1916.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1915 has been completed to the satisfaction of the Committee by the International Printing Company, to whom the contract was awarded.

A steel engraving of the late M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Stockton Bates, and a color plate showing ancient Royal Arch Regalia were furnished by the Committee and bound into the work.

The expenditure for the year was $1572.65, which includes the cost of printing, binding and distributing the Proceedings, as well as the expenses for postage and stationery.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER, *Chairman*,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
F. E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,
*Committee.*

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic Year, beginning on St. John's Day next and the time for the consideration of the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution presented at the Quarterly Communication on September 7, 1916:

*Resolved*, That Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended by striking out 30 cents in line four, page 29, and inserting in lieu thereof 50 cents, so that this part of Section 1 will read:

Annual dues for each member of a Chapter, 50 cents.

and the following request having been presented to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:*

We, the undersigned, Representatives of our several Chapters, request that the proposed Amendment to Article X, Section 1, Constitution of the

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, be voted upon by Chapter or Representative vote, by ballot and not by *viva-voce* vote.

David M. Kinzer, Chapter 162.
John McKain, Chapter 193.
Thomas Ashford, Jr., Chapter 257.
Harry H. Allebach, Chapter 268.
Roy M. Lee, Chapter 289.
George W. Rodgers, Chapter 297.
Albert Miller, Chapter 286.
Robert S. Patton, Chapter 317.

the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers. The Tellers to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Companion | Thomas McConnell, Jr. | *M. E. Grand High Priest.* |
| " | David J. Davis | *M. E. Grand King.* |
| " | Joseph E. Quinby | *M. E. Grand Scribe.* |
| " | Edward B. Spencer | *M. E. Grand Treasurer.* |
| " | George B. Wells | *M. E. Grand Secretary.* |

The Tellers appointed to ascertain the result of ballots cast for the Amendment to the Constitution having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced that as a majority of the ballots cast were against the proposed Amendment, it was therefore not agreed to.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion William M. Shaver, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died July 6, 1916.

M. E. Companion EDWARD H. ARCHER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died September 1, 1916.

M. E. Companion CHAUNCEY F. NEWKIRK, Grand Captain of the Host, of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. Died September 18, 1916.

M. E. Companion RALPH D. WEBB, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died September 25, 1916.

M. E. Companion R. H. WEARING, Past Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana. Died September 27, 1916.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. JANUARY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died March 27, 1916.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL H. WAGENER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died May 15, 1916.

M. E. Companion GEORGE H. MONROE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died June 7, 1916.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch

Masons of the State of California. Died June 20, 1916.

M. E. Companion JOHN B. CHRISTIAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama. Died July 11, 1916.

M. E. Companion CHRISTOPHER C. GIRD, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado. Died October 12, 1916.

M. E. Companion ANDREW NILSSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington. Died October 25, 1916.

The following certificate was presented and read:

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION:—At a stated meeting of St. John R. A. Chapter No. 232, held on Tuesday, December 5, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446, the following was among its transactions:

This being the time fixed by the Constitution of Grand Chapter for the election of officers, the Most Excellent High Priest appointed the following Tellers of the election . . .

The Chapter proceeded to a ballot, when the vote being counted, it appeared that the following Companions were duly elected:

Companion Julius J. Findeison, Most Excellent High Priest.

Extract from the minutes.

WILLIAM F. TRACY,
*Secretary of Chapter No. 232.*

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion JULIUS J. FINDEISEN was duly installed as

High Priest of St. John Royal Arch Chapter No. 232, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Chairman of the Capitular School of Instruction, at the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at six o'clock and three minutes P. M.

George B. Wells,
*Grand Secretary.*

# ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
ST. JOHN'S DAY,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

PRESENT:

Comp. Porter W. Lowry, . . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" Thomas McConnell, Jr., . . *M. E. Grand King.*
" David J. Davis, . . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" Edward B. Spencer, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" George B. Wells, . . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
" Warren T. Walker, . . . *Assistant Grand Secretary.*
" Rev. William B. Chalfant, D.D., *Grand Chaplain.*
" Rev. Edward W. Rushton, . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
" E. Marshall Harvey, . . as *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
" Frank W. Martenis, . . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" Robert A. Walker, . . . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
" John Fetch, . . . . as *Grand Master of the Second Vail*
" J. William Pancoast, . . . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
" Joseph E. Quinby, . . . . *Grand Marshal.*
" George P. Darrow, . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" Ralph C. Minehart, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" Charles S. Wood, . . . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
" William B. Joslyn, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:*—Companions Paul J. Pontius, Robert G. Smith, Samuel K. Louchheim, Charles H. Tilton, Charles H. Weaver, Edward Hope.

*Past Grand High Priests:*—M. E. Companions Edward B. Spencer, J. Henry Williams, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom, A. G. Criswell Smith, George B. Wells, Porter W. Lowry.

*Grand Representatives.*

Comp. William A. Rhoads, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" Frank W. Martenis, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" Andrew W. Hershey, of Grand Chapter of California.
" Samuel Shaw, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" PORTER W. LOWRY, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 167, 169, 171, 175, 177, 183, 185, 190, 193, 220, 221, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 271, 273, 284, 291. (36 Chapters.) (68 members.) (10 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 7, 1916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 204 and 221 and 258 and 260 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 26, 1917.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws to whom was referred the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 302 and the proposed Amendment to the

By-laws of Chapter No. 258 have attended to their duty and offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That Article IV, Section 6, of the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 302 be amended by striking out "and their successors" and as so amended they be approved.

*Resolved,* That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 258 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
*Committee.*

The Committee on Correspondence presented their report and Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Chairman, moved that the report be referred to the Grand Officers with power to print. The motion was agreed to.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 152, 161, 165, 167, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 179, 185, 189, 190, 191, 194, 195, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 211, 214, 216, 218, 223, 224, 228, 232, 235, 237, 238, 243, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 259, 262, 264, 270, 271, 275, 277, 282, 284, 289, 290, 292, 301, and Mark Lodge No. 214.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, presented his annual address.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:

The onrush of time has brought to a close another Masonic year, and we are again met in Annual Grand Communication to attend to the duties devolving upon us. It scarcely seems possible that a year

has passed since I read my first Annual Report, but so it is. What a reminder of the brief time allotted us here, and what an incentive it should be to each of us of the necessity for increased activity and earnest endeavor in the duties and responsibilities of daily life!

Recognizing, as we all do, the mercy of our Heavenly Father, who rules over Institutions as well as Individuals, let us be grateful for His mercies and the unnumbered blessings showered upon us and for the opportunity to meet in this Temple, dedicated to Virtue and Universal Benevolence.

Our relations with foreign Jurisdictions remain most pleasant and fraternal. The general condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is satisfactory, and I am convinced from the close perusal of monthly notices received from the Chapters during the year, that a material increase in membership has been made over the old year.

Peace and Harmony throughout our Jurisdiction continue, save in a few instances, to which I shall refer hereafter. Before surrendering to my successor the emblem of the trust you so generously reposed in me for two years, I will briefly record an account of my Stewardship, with an earnest hope for the charitable judgment of my Companions throughout the Jurisdiction.

## Deaths.

We are ever reminded that Death, the great Leveler, is busy, and during this year has called from us into the "Beyond" many Companions, some of whom had received high honors and distinction in Free Masonry.

### George Washington Kendrick, Jr.

On February 26, 1916, M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion George Washington Kendrick, Jr., passed away, at his home in Philadelphia after a brief illness. His body was laid to rest in Laurel Hill Cemetery on February 29th. Masonic services held at the Temple and the grave were conducted by the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of which body Companion Kendrick was an honored Past Grand Master, and funeral services were held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, where a large concourse of Brethren, Companions and friends paid a last tribute of respect to his memory. All the officers of the Grand Chapter attended the services in a body. Later, I issued the following letter, and at my request, M. E. Companion A. G. Criswell Smith, Past Grand High Priest, prepared and read at the Quarterly Communication, held June 8th, a suitable In Memoriam.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 3, 1916.

*To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed.*

COMPANIONS:

**Most Excellent Companion**
**GEORGE WASHINGTON KENDRICK, JR.,**
**Past Grand High Priest,**

entered into rest on Saturday, February 26, 1916, at 5 o'clock A. M., at his home in this city, and was buried on Tuesday, February 29. The Masonic services at the Temple and grave were conducted by the Officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of which body he was an honored Past Grand Master.

**Masonic Record of M. E. Companion**
**George Washington Kendrick, Jr.**
BORN JULY 31, 1841.

*Mitchell Lodge, No. 296.*

Entered Apprentice ..... August 27, 1863.
Fellow Craft ..... September 24, 1863.
Master Mason ..... October 22, 1863.

*Washington Lodge, No. 59.*

Junior Warden ..... 1868.
Senior Warden ..... 1869.
Worshipful Master ..... 1870.

*Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

Grand Pursuivant ..... 1893–1894.
Grand Senior Deacon ..... 1895–1896.
Grand Junior Warden ..... 1900–1901.
Grand Senior Warden ..... 1902–1903.
Deputy Grand Master ..... 1904–1905.
Grand Master ..... 1906–1907.

*Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.*

Mark Master Mason ..... June 13, 1864.
Master Overseer ..... 1868.
Senior Warden ..... 1869.
Worshipful Master ..... 1870.

*Harmony Chapter, No. 52.*

Most Excellent Master Mason ..... May 28, 1867.
Royal Arch Mason ..... May 28, 1867.
Scribe ..... 1869.
King ..... 1870.
High Priest ..... 1871.
Trustee ..... 1891 to Death.

*Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

M. E. Grand Scribe ..... 1881–1882.
M. E. Grand King ..... 1883–1884.
M. E. Grand High Priest ..... 1885–1886.

*Philadelphia Council Royal and Select Masters, No. 11.*

Royal Master Mason ..... February 12, 1868.
Select Master Mason ..... February 12, 1868.
Super-Excellent Master Mason ..... February 12, 1868.
Principal Conductor of Work ..... 1870.
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master .... 1871.
Thrice Illustrious Grand Master ..... 1872.

*Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.*

R. P. Illustrious Grand Master ..... 1875–1876.
R. P. Deputy Grand Master ..... 1885.
Most Puissant Grand Master ..... 1886.

*Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, K. T.*

Red Cross ..... January 11, 1870.
Knight Templar ..... March 12, 1870.
Knight of Malta ..... March 12, 1870.
Junior Warden ..... 1872–1873.
Generalissimo ..... 1873–1874.
Eminent Commander ..... 1874–1875.

*Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.*

E. Grand Junior Warden ..... 1876–1877.
E. Grand Senior Warden ..... 1877–1878.
E. Grand Captain-General ..... 1878–1879.
E. Grand Generalissimo ..... 1879–1880.
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander .... 1880–1881.
R. E. Grand Commander ..... 1881–1882.

*Grand Encampment, K. T., United States.*

Committee on Finance .....1892 and 1895.

*A. & A. Scottish Rite.*

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14° .....January 18, 1878.
De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16° .....March 15, 1878.
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., 17° and 18° .....March 15, 1878.
Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32° .....April 19, 1878.

*Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S.*

Illustrious Grand Chancellor .....1887.
Illustrious M. of S. and G. C.....1888.
Illustrious 1st Lieutenant-Commander, 1889.
Illustrious Commander-in-Chief .....1890 to 1892.

*Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.*

Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° .....September, 1890.
Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° .....September, 1891.
Crowned Active Grand Inspector General, 33° .....September, 1906.

In his death the community has lost an upright and industrious citizen, and Free Masonry has sustained a great loss. His memory will long be cherished by the Members of our beloved Fraternity, not only in this but in many other Jurisdictions where he was well known among the Brethren. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and many years of his busy life were devoted to spreading the teachings of the Fraternity through this Jurisdiction. The Companions of Grand Chapter appreciated his devotion to Capitular Masonry, and he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter and served well as such, in 1885 and 1886. His administration of the affairs of Grand Chapter was an unselfish and devoted one. In all the Exalted Stations to which he attained in his Masonic career he served well, and I am clearly within bounds in saying

that our Beloved Companion received more of Masonic honors than any other man who ever served the Brethren of this great Jurisdiction.

For many years our Most Excellent Companion devoted his best efforts and gave whole-hearted service as one of the active spirits in the establishment and maintenance of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, located on North Broad Street, in this city. He bent every energy and worked enthusiastically for the upbuilding and support of this Institution, and it was the delight of his life and the culmination of his full and well-rounded Masonic career to devote his time and efforts in mellowing the evening of life for the many men and women who found an abiding place and home in this Masonic Institution.

His home and family life was beautiful and blessed, and his passing away has left an aching void and brought many a tear.

It is directed that in memory of our departed Most Excellent Companion, this communication be read in each Subordinate Chapter within our Jurisdiction and entered in full on the minutes at the next stated meeting after its receipt, and that the jewels of such Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

PORTER W. LOWRY,
*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

[seal]

STOCKTON BATES,
*Grand Secretary.*

## Most Excellent Companion Stockton Bates.

The Companions throughout the Jurisdiction were shocked at the announcement of the sudden and unexpected death of Companion Stockton Bates, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, which occurred at his home in Philadelphia, surrounded by the members of his family, after an illness of three days. His body was laid to rest in Mount Moriah Cemetery in West Philadelphia, on Wednesday, February 15th. The funeral services at the Temple and at his late home were largely attended by the officers of Grand Chapter and by many Companions, Brethren and friends.

Later I issued the following letter, and at my request M. E. Companion George B. Wells, Past Grand High Priest, prepared and read at the Quarterly Communication held June 8th, a suitable In Memoriam.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 17, 1916.

*To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispersed.*

COMPANIONS:—It is with profound and sincere regret that I announce the death of

**Companion**
**STOCKTON BATES,**
**Most Excellent Grand Secretary**

of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Companion Bates left his office in the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening, March 9th, after a hard day's work and apparently in his usual robust health. Friday morning he was unwell, and growing rapidly worse he passed out of this life into the eternal, surrounded by the members of his family, on Sunday morning at 7.10 o'clock. The Masonic funeral service was held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, March 15th, at 1 o'clock, conducted by Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, F. & A. M., of which Lodge our beloved Companion had been a member for years. The funeral service at the home of our Companion was held at 2 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. William B. Chalfant, D. D. At both services the Grand Chapter was well represented, all the Grand Officers and many members being present.

**Masonic Record of M. E. Companion Stockton Bates.**
BORN FEBRUARY 4, 1843.

*Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158.*

Entered Apprentice ..... January 2, 1877.
Fellow Craft ..... February 6, 1877.
Master Mason (by Dispensation) .... February 6, 1877.
Junior Warden ..... 1880.
Senior Warden ..... 1881.
Worshipful Master ..... 1882.

*Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

Trustee of Grand Lodge Charity Fund ..... 1890 to Death.
Board of Managers Masonic Home .. 1884 to Death.
Vice-President of Managers Masonic Home ..... 1911 to Death.

*Oriental Chapter, No. 183.*

Mark Master Mason ..... November 15, 1877.
Most Excellent Master Mason ..... November 15, 1877.
Royal Arch Mason ..... November 15, 1877.
Scribe ..... 1882.
King ..... 1883.
High Priest ..... 1884.
Secretary ..... 1896 to Death.

*Grand Chapter.*

Assistant Grand Secretary ..... 1902 to 1913.
Grand Secretary ..... 1913 to Death.

*Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, K. T.*

Red Cross ..... January 11, 1878.
Knight Templar ..... January 11, 1878.
Knight of Malta ..... January 11, 1878.
Captain-General ..... 1884.
Generalissimo ..... 1885.
Eminent Commander ..... 1886.

*A. & A. Scottish Rite.*

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 4° to 14° ..... February 18, 1878.
De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16° ..... March 15, 1878.
Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., 17° and 18° ..... March 15. 1878.
Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 19° to 32° ..... April 19, 1878.
Trustee ..... 1886 to 1916.

*Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.*

Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° ..... 1890.
Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° ..... September, 1891.

We keenly feel the loss of Companion Bates. His services to Masonry were unremitting and varied down to the close of his life. He literally "died in the harness," and his Masonic career was a real career of service. He put into Masonry the best of his life, and bound to himself by the ties of friendship

and brotherly love a host of the Brethren and Companions throughout this and other Jurisdictions. He was a sterling character, modest, gentle, ever thoughtful of the comfort of others and ready to respond with a helping hand to every call. He lived his Masonry not with outward show and by proclaiming it from the house-tops, but by real service to the Fraternity and all humanity.

In 1902 he became Assistant Grand Secretary to M. E. Companion Charles Cary, Grand Secretary, and the labors of the office devolved upon him to a great extent until he was elected M. E. Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, in 1913, and in this office he was "faithful unto death." We can well say of Companion Bates that

"He had common sense in a way that was uncommon,
Hated humbug and cant, and loved his friends like a woman."

His home and family life was beautiful and devoted, and the sympathy of all the Brethren and Companions who knew him so well goes out to his dear ones who mourn his going away. As a deserved tribute to the life and service of M. E. Companion Stockton Bates, it is directed that this communication be read in every Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the next stated meeting, and entered in full upon the minutes, and that the jewels of such Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

PORTER W. LOWRY,
*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

[seal]

WARREN T. WALKER,
*Assistant Grand Secretary.*

## Companion Benjamin F. Delo, Grand Chaplain.

On June 13th, at his home in Clarion, Companion Benjamin F. Delo, Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, fell asleep in the Master Whom he loved and served.

The Masonic services at the Lodge Room and grave were conducted by the officers of Clarion Lodge No. 277, Free and Accepted Masons, of which Lodge he was a member, Past Master and Chaplain. His life was beautiful and one of continued service. For the sins and weaknesses of others he had only the broadest mantle of charity. His calls to duty or service were answered with promptness, whether to the sick bed, the house of death or to the marriage feast. He sacrificed personal interest and pleasures to duty and service. No night too dark or cold, no way too rough or long for him to answer the call, and many men and women in and around Clarion town, lived to bless and honor his name. Like Enoch of old, "he walked with God and was not, for God took him."

## Masonic Record of Companion Benjamin F. Delo.

BORN APRIL 16, 1832.

*Union Lodge, No. 334, F. & A. M., Bradford, Pennsylvania.*

Entered .....March 17, 1864.
Passed .....April 21, 1864.
Raised .....May 18, 1864.
Resigned .....August 23, 1866.

*Hobah Lodge, No. 276, Brookville, Pennsylvania.*

Admitted .....January 13, 1873.
Passed Chair (by Dispensation) ....May 12, 1873.
Resigned .....August 10, 1874.

*Canby Lodge, No. 520, St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.*

Admitted .....September 2, 1875.
Resigned .....December 21, 1876.

*Clarion Lodge, No. 277, Clarion, Pennsylvania.*

Admitted .....November 5, 1877.
Senior Warden .....1879.
Worshipful Master .....1880.

*Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

Grand Chaplain .....1884.

*Eden Royal Arch Chapter, No. 259.*

Mark Master Mason .....June 27, 1878.
Most Excellent Master Mason .....June 27, 1878.
Royal Arch Mason .....July 11, 1878.
Most Excellent High Priest .....1887.

*Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

Grand Chaplain .....1892 to Death.

*Grand Commandery, No. 44, Knights Templar.*

Red Cross Degree .....October 22, 1878.
Knight Templar .....October 22, 1878.
Knight of Malta .....October 22, 1878.

Since coming to the Temple last evening, I received a telegram announcing the death of Companion DAVID CARLIN, District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Seventeenth District. Companion CARLIN had been ill for several months and his "passing away" was not unexpected. He was a genial, warm-hearted and beloved Companion and a faithful, earnest District Deputy. We mourn his "going out" from us and our sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.

## INVITATIONS.

I accepted an invitation from M. E. Grand High Priest Companion ALFRED A. ADAMS to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York, to be held at Albany on February 1, 1916, but was compelled to forego the pleasure of that visit and recall my acceptance, by reason of sickness.

For lack of time I was compelled to decline an invitation from M. E. Grand High Priest Companion ASA BENNETT to attend the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware.

For lack of time I declined the invitation of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion ARTHUR D. PRINCE to attend the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, which convened at Lowell on September 12th.

By reason of a conflict of dates, I was compelled to decline an invitation from M. E. Grand High Priest Companion FREDERIC T. CRANE to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, which convened at Trenton on May 10, 1916.

I accepted an invitation from M. E. Grand High Priest Companion FREDERIC T. CRANE to attend the One Hundredth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, which convened at Columbus on October 4th. While on the way to Pittsburgh to reach a train for Columbus, a "mix-up" occurred on the trolley road and I was detained sufficiently long to prevent my reaching Columbus, much to my regret.

I was compelled to forego the pleasure of attending a meeting of Orient Royal Arch Chapter No. 138, at Brooklyn, New York, on October 16th, on the occasion of the official visit of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion JARED A. REED and other Grand Officers of other Grand Bodies from New York, and for lack of time I was compelled to decline an invitation from Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter No. 159, of New York City, to their Annual Dinner on December 4th, in honor of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion JARED A. REED.

## VISITATIONS.

January 11th, accompanied by District Deputy Companion PETER BARKEY, I visited Solomon Royal Arch Chapter No. 191, at Meadville.

February 11th, to Venango Royal Arch Chapter No. 211, at Franklin.

March 3rd, on invitation from the Most Excellent High Priest, and accompanied by all the Grand Chapter Officers, we informally visited Howell Royal Arch Chapter No. 202, at West Chester, on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Chapter. The occasion was a delightful one, and we enjoyed meeting with the Companions of this Chapter and many visitors.

March 13th, to Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 284, at Philadelphia.

March 15th, accompanied by M. E. Grand King and Companion Grand Marshal QUINBY, I visited Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 91, at Philadelphia.

April 14th, to Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 167, at Rochester.

April 17th, at the invitation of the Most Excellent High Priest, and accompanied by Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Companion Grand Marshal, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Companion SMITH and Companions WARREN T. WALKER and FRANK W. MARTENIS, I visited Allen Royal Arch Chapter No. 203, at Allentown, on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary. The Companions entertained us royally and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed.

May 2nd, accompanied by Companion McWilliam R. Craig, Grand Chaplain, I visited Duquesne Royal Arch Chapter No. 193, at Pittsburgh.

May 9th, I was compelled to decline the invitation of the Most Excellent High Priest of Anthony Wayne Royal Arch Chapter No. 204, at Honesdale, that being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Chapter. The Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, and District Deputy Companion Charles H. Tilton, attended this meeting and reported a good attendance of Companions and a very happy and delightful evening.

May 12th, I was unable to attend the Anniversary Meeting of Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240, in Philadelphia, at the invitation of the Most Excellent High Priest, but the Most Excellent Grand King, accompanied by a number of Grand Chapter Officers, was present and reported the occasion a most successful and delightful one.

May 15th, at the invitation of the Most Excellent High Priest and accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand King, Assistant Grand Secretary, Companion Walker, Companion Grand Marshal Quinby and Companions S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Benjamin Eiseman, and Past Grand High Priests Companions Smith and Wells, and District Deputy Grand High Priests Companions Robert G. Smith and Samuel K. Louchheim, I informally visited Germantown Royal Arch Chapter No. 208, on the occasion of their

Fiftieth Anniversay. The meeting was largely attended by members and visitors, and was enjoyable and marked by a social spirit beyond the ordinary.

May 19th, to Urania Royal Arch Chapter No. 192, at Greensburg, where the Mark Degree was conferred upon a class of twenty-one candidates.

June 19th, I was unable to accept an invitation from the Most Excellent High Priest of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, on the occasion of the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Anniversary. I regretted exceedingly my inability to attend this meeting of the oldest Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

June 20th, to Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter No. 283.

September 18th, to Coraopolis Royal Arch Chapter No. 300. This is one of the Chapters constituted last year, and the Companions are doing well and progressing finely.

September 26th, to the Capitular School of Instruction in Pittsburgh.

October 2nd, to Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter No. 225, in Brookville, accompanied by District Deputy Companion McKee.

October 9th, Occidental Royal Arch Chapter No. 235, in Warren.

October 10th, to Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 200, in Corry.

October 12th, to Homewood Royal Arch Chapter No. 297, accompanied by District Deputy Companion HOPE.

October 16th, to Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter No. 257.

October 20th, to Clearfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 228.

October 23rd, to Jordan Royal Arch Chapter No. 302, in Allentown. This is the infant Chapter in the Jurisdiction and has made splendid progress.

October 24th, to Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter No. 182, at Wilkes-Barre, accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe DAVIS and District Deputies Companions WEAVER and TILTON.

October 25th, to Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter No. 185, in Scranton, accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe DAVIS and District Deputies WEAVER and TILTON. This is the home Chapter of M. E. Grand Scribe DAVIS, and at this meeting were officers from Chapters Nos. 177, 179, 180, 182, 204, 205, 214, 242 and 277.

October 30th, to Mound Royal Arch Chapter No. 212, at Greenville. At this meeting officers were present from Chapters at Meadville, Sharon and Conneautville.

November 2nd, to Harmony Royal Arch Chapter No. 206, in Beaver Falls. This was the Fiftieth

Anniversary meeting of the Chapter. The attendance was large and a pleasant and profitable meeting was the result.

November 9th, to McKeesport Royal Arch Chapter No. 282, accompanied by District Deputy Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS.

November 13th, to Orient Royal Arch Chapter No. 247, at Kittanning.

November 14th, to Monessen Royal Arch Chapter No. 290, accompanied by District Deputy Companion BOOTS.

November 16th, to Bradford Royal Arch Chapter No. 260.

November 21st, to Portage Royal Arch Chapter No. 195, at Johnstown.

November 22nd, to Weidle Royal Arch Chapter No. 197, at Lebanon.

December 5th, to Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg.

December 14th, to Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 150.

December 15th, to Allegheny Royal Arch Chapter No. 217, located on the North Side, Pittsburgh.

I cannot refrain from referring to the uniform courtesy, kindness and thoughtfulness of the Chapter officers and members wherever I visited, and am pleased to commend the high standard of excellence in the work attained and practiced in all these Chapters. It is most gratifying to observe the material prosperity of the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction, as noticed in my visits during the two years of my administration. This material prosperity is evidenced by the beautiful and tasty Chapter Halls, in many instances in new and magnificent Masonic Buildings, where the designing and planning of the architect has been well worked out, the most up-to-date methods of lighting, heating and ventilating used, and the furnishings the best that money can purchase. Every convenience is readily at hand, and so far as observation can go, nothing has been left undone for the material comfort and happiness of the Companions.

## Dispensations.

January 10th, to Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter No. 174, to hold a special election for Secretary, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Jacob R. Crissinger.

January 12th, to Occidental Royal Arch Chapter No. 235, to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, on Brother Charles Henry Schurman, it appearing that said Brother could not wait the time required by the Constitution, on account of removal from his then place of residence to another Jurisdiction.

January 13th, to Harmony Royal Arch Chapter No. 52, to hold a special election for Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by death.

January 25th, to Pottstown Royal Arch Chapter No. 271, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

February 7th, to Clearfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 228, to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, upon Brother JOSEPH R. CAMPBELL, it appearing that he could not wait the time, by reason of removal to another Jurisdiction.

February 15th, to Westfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 265, to hold a special election for Treasurer, by reason of refusal of the Treasurer-elect to be installed.

February 22nd, to Zinzendorf Royal Arch Chapter No. 216, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

April 18th, to Newport Royal Arch Chapter No. 238, to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon Brother JOHN GRIFFIN CULVER, out of time, said Brother CULVER being compelled to remove to the State of Tennessee and could not await the required time.

May 10th, to Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter No. 225, to hold a special election for Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by the removal of their Secretary from the Jurisdiction.

May 31st, to Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, for a special election for Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Companion STOCKTON BATES, Secretary of said Chapter.

September 12th, to Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter No. 185, to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, on Brother WILLIAM CADWALLADER PRICE, JR., he being a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania and having been ordered to the Mexican border for service, and could not await the required time.

September 12th, to Coraopolis Royal Arch Chapter No. 300, to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, upon Brother CHESTER A. HOLMES, he being already removed to the State of Iowa, and returned to Coraopolis for a short visit at the date of the Dispensation.

October 3rd, to Montgomery Royal Arch Chapter No. 262, to meet in the Chapter Hall at Norristown, Pennsylvania, to confer the Royal Arch Degree, until such time as their hall at Ardmore, then being repaired, could be occupied.

October 13th, to Ulysses Royal Arch Chapter No. 269, to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, upon Brother JOHN RAYMOND CHASE, he having been compelled to remove from the Jurisdiction and could not await the required time.

November 8th, to Kensington Royal Arch Chapter No. 233, to hold their Stated Meeting December 26, 1916, instead of December 27th, for the reason that their place of meeting (Renaissance Hall) will be occupied by Grand Chapter at Annual Communication, and no other room in the Temple could be secured by Kensington for December 27th.

December 6th, to Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 175, to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon Brothers Lavell F. Jackson, Jr., S. Byron Goldsmith, Robert L. Hayes and Paul C. Stockhausen, out of time.

### Dispensations Refused.

For reasons not necessary to record, I refused a Dispensation to hold a special election for M. E. High Priest to fill the vacancy caused by death.

Refused a Dispensation to open a Chapter at seven o'clock P. M., instead of seven-thirty, as provided in their By-laws, the only reason for the request being "to hurry the work." In my humble judgment there is entirely too much hurry in the doing of matters Masonic nowadays. Far better that the brakes be put on and speed slackened.

I refused a number of other requests for Dispensations to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, where the reasons assigned were wholly insufficient.

## Grand Representatives.

I have commissioned the following Companions as Representatives of this Grand Chapter near their respective Grand Chapters, whose appointments have been received and acknowledged:

Companion Samuel F. Hubbard ....Massachusetts
M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines.....New Jersey
Companion A. B. Andrews, Jr. .....N. Carolina
M. E. Companion John A. Colborn..Dist. of Col.
Companion H. S. Griffin.....Canada
Companion Nat M. Washer.....Texas
Companion Henry A. Ellis.....South Dakota
Companion Henry L. Broh.....W. Virginia.

The following Companions have been recognized as Representatives near this Grand Chapter from the Grand Chapters indicated:

Companion Charles E. Cooper.....Massachusetts
Companion William S. Semple.....New Jersey
Companion David J. Davis.....N. Brunswick
Companion William M. Hamilton..Nebraska
Companion Joseph E. Quinby.....Vermont
Companion Arthur W. Gillan.....Washington
Companion William Field Shay....Wyoming
Companion Edmund W. Boots.....Dist. of Col.
M. E. Companion Porter W. Lowry..Rhode Island

## New Chapter Constituted.

The petition of some twenty-four Royal Arch Masons residing in or near Allentown, Lehigh County,

Pennsylvania, praying that a warrant be granted them for a new Chapter, to be known as "Jordan Royal Arch Chapter," having been presented and referred at the Quarterly Communication in June, and same having been approved, the new Chapter was constituted Friday, June 9th. Accompanied by the full corps of Grand Officers, we reached Allentown at noon and were met by the Companions, who entertained us royally, with a diversity of doings most unique and unheard of on such occasions. The new Chapter was constituted at seven o'clock P. M., as "Jordan Royal Arch Chapter No. 302." The charter members are an active, enthusiastic, hustling body of busy business men, and the officers are not novices, but "tried and not found wanting." I have great expectations for this infant Chapter, and am informed that their membership today exceeds one hundred.

## Decisions.

I have received twenty-six letters from the Most Excellent High Priest or the Secretary of as many Chapters, asking for a decision on some question submitted. All these questions save three, were satisfactorily answered by referring the writer to the provision of the Constitution controlling the matter submitted.

Three decisions have been made, two of them referring particularly to the matter of practice under certain provisions of the Constitution:

1. Where a petition for the degrees and membership was approved, and immediately thereafter, a member who had cast a favorable ballot made an oral objection to the petitioner becoming a member of the Chapter and immediately followed this by rising and asking leave to withdraw his objection.

*Decided:* That the Chapter could proceed and confer the degrees upon the petitioner, in the absence of any further objection by any member. I am of the opinion that the prohibition in Section 7 of Article 17 of the Constitution, against the withdrawal of an objection, does not apply to the facts of the case in hand, the offer to withdraw the objection following so closely upon the making of the same, that no record of the matter had been made by the Secretary. But, to say the least, this whole proceeding was not only peculiar, but reprehensible.

2. I declared null and void the action of Monessen Royal Arch Chapter No. 290, in balloting on an inquiry as to "Masonic objection," two months after the constitutional time. This case involves a question of practice, and for the benefit of Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction, I will state the facts pertinent to the matter, with my ruling as to the correct practice.

At the February stated meeting of Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter No. 249, the petition of Brother KARL E. MILLER for the degrees and membership was presented. Brother MILLER was a resident of

Donora, and that place of residence being nearest Monessen Royal Arch Chapter No. 290, a letter of inquiry was sent by the Secretary of Monongahela Chapter to the Secretary of Monessen Chapter and received by the latter on March 4th. The next stated meeting of Monessen Chapter, after the receipt of this inquiry was on March 14th. The notice of inquiry required by Section 9 of Article 17 of the Constitution, was not printed on the notices of Monessen Chapter until the same were sent out for the stated meeting in the month of May, and at the meeting on May 9th, a ballot was had on the inquiry, and it appeared there was a "Masonic objection."

An erroneous impression seems prevalent in a number of Chapters, as to correct practice in carrying out the provisions of Section 9 of Article 17 of the Constitution, and for the benefit of all such, and to make the practice uniform, I now decide "that when a letter of inquiry has been received by the Secretary of the Chapter, his first duty is to have printed on the notices for the next stated meeting of his Chapter following the receipt of inquiry, the notice that 'A ballot will be had on the inquiry if there is any Masonic objection to ——— Chapter No. —— acting on petition of ———— for the degrees and membership.'" At that meeting the letter of inquiry should be read by the Secretary and the Most Excellent High Priest should then direct a ballot to be taken on the inquiry.

3. The third case also involves a question of practice, and is as follows: Where a petitioner for the degrees and membership has been twice rejected in the same Chapter, and is desirous of petitioning another Chapter, under the provisions of Section 20 of Article 17 of the Constitution, he must present a request to the other Chapter, asking permission to present a third petition, and setting forth therein the fact of his former rejections, with the name, number and location of the rejecting Chapter. If the ballot on this request is unanimous, the Brother may then present his third petition to this Chapter, setting forth the fact of his former rejections in the Chapter where he stands rejected. The Chapter receiving this third petition must then, under the provisions of Section 9 of Article 17 of the Constitution, inquire of the Chapter where the Brother stands rejected, if there is any Masonic objection to the inquiring Chapter acting on the petition. If it appears from the report of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary and the Secretary of the Chapter inquired of that there is no Masonic objection, the Chapter receiving the third petition may then proceed to ballot on the same.

I am free to say, that our Constitutional provision as contained in Section 9 of Article 17, and involved in the above two last mentioned cases, is wholly insufficient for the purposes intended, and in many cases it is impossible to literally follow the Constitutional requirement without imposing a great burden upon the Chapter inquired of. It frequently hap-

pens, and cannot be avoided, that the inquiry is not received by the Secretary of the Chapter inquired of until a day or a number of days after his notices have been mailed for the stated meeting of his Chapter for that month. This is a common occurrence, and yet where such is the case, the Constitutional requirement cannot be complied with without putting the Chapter inquired of to the expense of printing and mailing other notices to all the members. This ought not so to be, and I would recommend the amendment of Section 9, Article 17, in this particular, so that the notice of a Masonic inquiry could be printed upon the notices of the Chapter inquired of at the first "or second" stated meeting following the receipt of the inquiry, so that the provision of the Constitution would then be "at the next or second stated meeting after the same was received."

RE PETITIONS OF

Brother WILLIAM S. ANDERSON,
" JAMES S. BRADDOCK,
" ROBERT LEANDER HILL,
" ROBERT MORRISON HILL,
" DAVID K. HERSHBERGER,
" LAWRENCE M. PFAADT,
" HOWARD M. STONER,
" ROY FLORANCE WHITE,
" BENJAMIN HARRISON WILLARD, and

THE SECOND PETITIONS OF:

Brother BYRON MELVILLE LOAR,
" JOHN HENRY MARVIN,
" HOMER MITCHELL RUTH.

All for the degrees and membership and all pending in Urania Royal Arch Chapter No. 192, located at Greensburg.

Inquiry having been made of Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter No. 283 to ascertain if that Chapter had Masonic objections to Urania Chapter receiving and acting on each of said petitions, and it appearing that there was an objection in each case. I am convinced that the action of Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter in this matter is such a flagrant case of assumed jurisdiction on the part of said Chapter that I can only characterize the action of said Chapter as subversive of the best interests of Capitular Masonry, and clearly an invasion of the rights of another Chapter. This wrong must be righted, and notwithstanding the recorded objection in Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter No. 283 in the case of each of the above-named petitioners, I now direct Urania Royal Arch Chapter No. 192 to proceed and ballot on the petition of each of the above-named petitioners, and, if approved, and no objection be made in Urania Chapter, to further proceed and confer the degrees.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary is directed to notify the Most Excellent High Priest of Urania Chapter No. 192 of this order, that the name, age, etc., of each of the above petitioners may be printed on the notices for the next stated meeting of Urania Chapter, and that a copy of this order be sent to the Most Excellent High Priest of Connellsville Royal Arch

Chapter No. 283, who is hereby directed to have the same copied on the minutes of that Chapter at the next stated meeting of the same.

### Appointments.

On May 16th I appointed Past High Priest Companion William R. Murphey, of Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240, a member of the Committee on Correspondence, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Companion Stockton Bates.

Under the provisions of Section 6, Article 5, of the Constitution, I appointed on June 8th M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion George B. Wells as Most Excellent Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Stockton Bates.

### Waivers of Jurisdiction.

During the year I requested Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows:

From New Jersey.....Four
From Ohio .....One

Two of the above requests were made but recently and not sufficient time has passed to receive a reply as to what disposition has been made of them. The others have been courteously granted.

I have granted Waivers as follows:

To New York .....Eleven
To New Jersey .....Six
To Ohio .....Two
To Delaware .....One

## Waiver Declined.

I declined to waive jurisdiction in a case where the petitioner had been formerly rejected in a Pennsylvania Chapter, until the objection had been removed.

On December 10, 1915, I received a letter from M. E. Alfred A. Adams, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of New York, informing me that five brethren (naming them) residing in Scranton, Pennsylvania, had presented petitions for the Capitular Degrees and membership in Binghamton Royal Arch Chapter No. 139, New York, and that they were approved and the degrees had been conferred, and that no Waiver of Jurisdiction had been requested or granted. The brethren referred to, held their lodge membership in New York, New Jersey and Michigan. Some correspondence was carried on by M. E. Companion Adams and myself, in the most Fraternal and Companionable spirit, and on January 11, 1916, I received from M. E. Companion Adams a copy of his order, declaring "The action of Binghamton Chapter No. 139 in the premises, without authority of law and absolutely null and void, and that the said petitioners have not acquired and do not now possess any standing as Royal Arch Masons, and that their names be stricken from the roll of members of said Chapter." The warrant of Binghamton Chapter was suspended by M. E. Grand High Priest Adams until the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York on February 2, 1916.

I cannot but express my hearty appreciation of the promptness with which M. E. Companion Adams moved in this matter, in making the facts known to me, and his equally prompt and emphatic manner of dealing with the subject when the facts were fully before him. I much regret to say, that the unfortunate proceeding was innocently started by a Chapter officer in Pennsylvania writing a Chapter officer in New York, requesting the aid of the latter in having the Scranton brethren petition Binghamton Chapter, in ignorance of the fact that a Waiver of Jurisdiction must be requested by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of New York, and the same granted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, before Binghamton Chapter could act upon these petitions. I rejoice in the fact that the whole unfortunate proceeding has been set right, the law maintained, and the cordial, fraternal and friendly relations that have ever existed between the two great Jurisdictions have not been strained in the least. Some months after the proceedings of Binghamton Chapter had been declared null and void in the above-mentioned matter, I received from M. E. Companion Jared A. Reed, Grand High Priest of New York, a request for a Waiver of Jurisdiction in the case of each of the Brethren who had before petitioned Binghamton Chapter No. 139, which Waiver was at once granted, and I have no doubt that the Brethren are now lawfully made Royal Arch Masons.

## Distinguished Visitors.

At the Quarterly Communication on September 5th Grand Chapter was highly honored by the presence of a distinguished body of Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion Jared A. Reed, Grand High Priest,
R. E. Companion C. Wesley Orr, Deputy Grand High Priest,
R. E. Companion George E. Briggs, Grand Master Third Vail,
R. E. Companion Ernest W. Lovejoy, Grand Master First Vail,
R. E. Companion Marshall F. Hemingway, Grand Lecturer,

all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion Frederic T. Crane, Grand High Priest,
M. E. Companion William Herbert Lowe, Deputy Grand High Priest,
M. E. Companion Lorenzo D. Sandborn, Past Grand High Priest,
M. E. Companion Nelson Y. Dungan, Past Grand High Priest,
M. E. Companion Abram A. Reger, Past Grand High Priest,
M. E. Companion William H. Grosscup, Past Grand High Priest,

all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey.

R. E. Companion Oliver C. Warehime, Grand Scribe,
R. E. Companion Robert M. Rotter, Grand Treasurer,
R. E. Companion John H. Miller, Grand Secretary,
R. E. Companion Warren H. Seipp, Grand Lecturer,

all of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maryland.

It was a matter of sincere regret to me, that the day and evening of this Quarterly Communication came in the midst of the record-breaking hot spell throughout the country, and that the Grand Chapter Hall was so unbearably warm that we were compelled, out of regard for the comfort of our distinguished guests and all Companions present to shorten the Exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree by the officers of Oriental Chapter No. 183 under the supervision of Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe. The same reason also compelled me to limit the number of visitors upon whom I called for remarks.

These visits of Grand Officers of the different Grand Chapters bordering upon our state, are matters of real satisfaction, and an opportunity for becoming acquainted with new friends and Compan-

ions, renewing old acquaintances and discussing matters pertaining to the Craft that should be discussed in a Companionable way. One of our own, once said, "We Pennsylvania Masons are a peculiar people." This statement is absolutely correct. We are much criticised and frequently misunderstood, but we go along in the even tenor of our way, with the good will, Brotherly love and hearty hand shake of our beloved Companions from neighboring Jurisdictions, with whom we may differ in some things, and yet maintain the spirit of real Companionship in all. Long may the spirit of Peace and Harmony continue between us. Amen. So mote it be.

### Conflicting Dates.

I have found that five subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction have their stated time of meeting on the day fixed by the Constitution for the Quarterly Communications of Grand Chapter. These Chapters are Nos. 150, 171, 189, 206 and 218. In my visit to two of these Chapters I called the attention of the Companions to this matter and suggested the necessity of their amending their By-laws by a resolution to change the day of meeting. I have written to the Most Excellent High Priest of the remaining three Chapters, calling attention to this matter and suggesting a like change, and I trust my successor will see to it, that my suggestion is carried out during the next year. The reason for the necessary change in the day of their stated meeting, is too obvious to record.

## Schools of Instruction.

The good work of the Capitular School in Philadelphia has been continued, and the Instructors under the leadership of Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, have been unceasing in their efforts to teach the Companions the authorized work. The Grand Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Companions Kinsloe, Cole, Hannum, Fetch, Bieswanger and Hazlett for their unselfish toil and devotion to the work.

I have visited the Pittsburgh School several times during the two years of my term, and much regret the fact that with a few exceptions, the Companions of the Chapters in Pittsburgh and near vicinity, have shown such a spirit of indifference to their School. Its officers and instructors are earnest, prompt and always present, give much of their time and attention to the School and its work, and have been zealous in dispensing "Masonic light and Knowledge." They are entitled to the encouragement, support and hearty assistance by their attendance, of all the officers of all the Chapters in the Pittsburgh District.

Companions District Deputies Hope, Carlin and Boots and Companions Zimmers, Rogers, Eldridge, Stang and other active Companions in this School, are entitled to the thanks of the Grand Chapter for giving their time and attention to this work "without expectation of fee or reward."

## Exemplification of Work at Grand Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication in March the Mark Degree was exemplified by Companion Charles F. Bower of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256 as Worshipful Master, assisted by Companions of other Chapters.

At the June Communication the Most Excellent degree was exemplified by Companion Robert A. Raven of Germantown Royal Arch Chapter No. 208 as Most Excellent Master, assisted by the officers of that Chapter.

At the September Communication the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Companion Hayes H. Duncan of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, assisted by Companions of other Chapters.

All under the supervision of the members of the Capitular School of Instruction.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 7th Companion Julius J. Finderson was installed M. E. High Priest of St. John Royal Arch Chapter No. 232 by Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction.

## Direct Line Measurement.

In my visits to Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction during the past two years, and coming into contact with hundreds of Companions, the only disturbing matter I have met with, is that relating to the

rule of "direct line measurement" in ascertaining the nearest Chapter to the place of residence of the petitioner. This question bobs up serenely, and is so closely related to another, to wit: that of "Masonic inquiry"—that I am constrained to refer to the matter in detail.

The "direct line measurement" dates back to 1888, when by the decision of M. E. Grand High Priest HENDERSON, it was adopted as the correct rule and remained so as a *decision,* until 1899, when M. E. Grand High Priest JACOBS referred the question to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to consider and report thereon. At the June Communication of Grand Chapter in 1899 this Committee reported a resolution as follows:

"Distance from the residence of the petitioner to the nearest Chapter must be measured on a straight line, without regard to roads or lines of communication,"

and by vote of Grand Chapter the resolution was adopted.

Thus the rule has been in force since 1888, except during the term of M. E. Grand High Priest RICHARD M. JOHNSTON in 1897 and 1898, when it was deviated from, and in a few districts of the Jurisdiction, certain territory was declared "neutral," as between certain Chapters. However, it has been the only rule in force since 1899. I shall be very slow to advo-

cate the changing of a regulation or rule of the Grand Chapter, as long established as this one has been, simply because it may work a seeming hardship or even an injustice in a few isolated cases. The interests of the many should first be considered. No doubt some of my predecessors heard complaints from many quarters regarding the hardship or even injustice of this rule, and they considered the rule too long established to attempt to change it.

At first blush that is my personal view of the matter, but from the number of complaints made to me in person by officers of Chapters and from the number of letters received from Companions, not as isolated cases, but from almost every district in the Jurisdiction, complaining of the injustice of the rule and urging me to do the "impossible," and undo what the Grand Chapter has done by a vote, I am of the opinion that the rule should be changed by action of Grand Chapter, and one adopted, similar to that in force in Grand Lodge, on the same subject.

I cannot imagine where the rule of "convenience of access" would work any hardship or injustice in the Chapters. This question does not and cannot affect the interests of Chapters located in cities, unless it be very infrequently, as they are subject to a Constitutional provision permitting any resident of the city to petition any Chapter in the city without the necessity of an "inquiry." From my six years service as District Deputy Grand High Priest and

my two years as Grand High Priest, I am convinced that the present rule works a great injustice to many Chapters, and has worked a rank injustice to many worthy Brethren who have petitioned and have been held up, and it is now deterring many other worthy Brethren from petitioning for the Chapter degrees, where the matter of *fees* controls the action of some narrow minded Companion or Companions in the Chapter inquired of, and an adverse ballot is cast. It is no answer to this to say that "we have a remedy which can be enforced and the guilty Companion or Companions punished, if need be, by expulsion." We all know how well nigh impossible it is to say "Thou art the man." It is easy to say that such a condition should not be, but we have been saying that for years, and the condition still exists and will exist so long as the "direct line" rule is enforced. The loss of fees to the nearest Chapter is but one of the illegal reasons used in the "hold up" process. There is still prevalent in many Chapters, an idea that a Chapter has jurisdiction over certain "territory," or over certain "material," as it is frequently called, which it may surrender or not, as it may please; and the result of this obsession is, that some Companion, in ignorance of the law of Grand Chapter or who, knowing the law, wilfully violates it by holding up the worthy Brother.

I have received five letters this year, from officers of Chapters, complaining about other Chapters "invading our territory" or "taking our material away

from us," and asking—"Will you not protect us?" This question of jurisdiction was treated so thoroughly, ably and clearly by M. E. Grand High Priest JACOBS, in his report as published in the Grand Chapter proceedings for 1899, that it really seems incredible that any Companion should be ignorant of the law touching that subject.

My humble judgment is, that too frequently the only question to be answered on a Masonic inquiry, to wit: "Is the petitioner Morally, Mentally and Physically fit for advancement?" is covered and obscured by the un-Masonic and narrow view, "We need the fees in our Chapter," or "The petitioner is in our territory." Within the past month, my attention was called to the action of the "nearest Chapter" in recording at one meeting, an objection against each of *twelve* petitioners. It seems that these twelve Brethren preferred petitioning a Chapter in the county seat of the county of their residence, rather than petitioning the "nearest" Chapter in an adjoining county. This hold up, is only one of many throughout the Jurisdiction, though it stands out in an aggravated form, because of the number of petitions involved. I can only characterize this referred to case, as an outrage, and regard it as a dangerous disease with epidemic tendencies, which in any community would paralyze Capitular Masonry, and I have applied a severe and drastic remedy to fit the case.

From all I have learned from many districts in the Jurisdiction, regarding the injustice and harshness traceable to the use of the "direct line" rule, and from the cases brought to my attention as District Deputy Grand High Priest during six years service, I am firmly of the opinion, that to change the rule as now existing, to one similar to that in force in Grand Lodge, would add an additional two hundred worthy members to our subordinate Chapters yearly, over and above the normal increase shown by the reports from the Grand Secretary's Office for five years past. We are living in the day of automobiles and trolley systems, which reach through the country, and every hour pass the door or cross the farm of the man who prefers to go to Lodge and Chapter by trolley, or drive in his auto five miles further over a good road, rather than drive his horse and wagon hub deep in mud, at a mile an hour gait, to reach "Slowburg" where the "nearest Chapter" is located.

For the best interests of this Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction, I recommend during the coming year the adoption of a resolution changing the direct line measurement rule, or that it be changed by resolution in the form of an addition to the Constitution, and thus place it, where it properly belongs.

## Conclusion.

I am now about ready to install my successor. I have made an earnest effort to attain a high ideal in

directing the affairs of the Grand Chapter, but I realize fully that the ideal has not been attained. Mistakes doubtless have been made, but they have been of the head and not of the heart.

I am sincerely grateful to my fellow Officers Elective and Appointive, to the District Deputy Grand High Priests, to the members of all the Committees and the Companions who have given their time, care and attention to the School of Instruction, for the kindnesses shown me and for the help extended the Grand Chapter. In a special manner I am sincerely grateful to Companion WARREN T. WALKER who has served Grand Chapter, well, as Assistant Grand Secretary during this year. His ever readiness and quick response to every call has never failed. I have encroached much upon the time of Companion Grand Marshal QUINBY, and I thank him heartily for his devotion to the work imposed upon him as an officer of Grand Chapter. He has served unselfishly and well, and his Companions have honored him by saying "Come up higher."

It is my earnest wish, that a real sense of Human Brotherhood and all the joys of the Christmas season may help to make this season bright for our Companions, and abide with them throughout a New Year of Peace and Content.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday afternoon, December 7, 1916, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,* was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, *M. E. Grand King.*

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P., *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P., *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., presented his address.

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER:

In Freemasonry we have a peculiar blending of democracy and autocracy; our chief officer holds his station at the choice of the members and for a limited term only, but during that term we confide to him

well nigh unlimited power within the scope of his official station and make him subject to no appeal. It is a trust calculated to call out the best in any man and it is doubtful whether our fraternity could have existed and prospered so well under any other system.

The term allotted to my predecessor has elapsed and at your command I am to take the sceptre and become at once your ruler and your servant. In doing so I wish to express to you my full recognition and entire appreciation, of the uniform kindness that has always been extended to me, by the members of Grand Chapter, not the least expression of which was my unanimous election to this station.

We do not look for novelty in Freemasonry, and I will have none to offer. I am to follow in the footsteps of a long and distinguished line of predecessors. The paths are well beaten and generally not difficult to follow. Their example and precepts will be carefully studied, duly considered and always given the greatest respect, but necessarily their conclusions cannot always be regarded as final. Less than this would lead to a fixity equivalent to death.

You have the right always to expect that brotherly kindness shall prevail, but that there shall be no lack of firmness and determination to use the full limit of the power confided to this station, in demanding that ancient usages, customs and landmarks shall be preserved and that the best interest of Grand

Chapter and of each subordinate Chapter shall at all times, in all places and under all circumstances be conserved. In this you shall not be disappointed.

During the last thirty years much has been accomplished in producing uniformity and a general respect for accuracy in the ritualistic work in this Grand Jurisdiction. Efforts in this direction should continue and perhaps be greatly increased, and changes, if any, should only be such, as may add grace and beauty without really changing the standard now so well established. It is more important, however, that capitular Masonry should be recognized as a great civilizing force. That through its ministrations, Faith, Hope and Charity be encouraged among its members and that its full part may be done in bringing nearer the day when a man shall be valued, not for what he is able to grasp and hold, but for the service he gives to and the sacrifice he makes for his followmen.

We may well congratulate ourselves upon the growth and progress of our particular branch of the Masonic family, but we cannot fail to observe a tendency to crowd out the Royal Arch degrees in the anxiety to spread in other directions. All Royal Arch Masons should unite in a persistent and determined effort to stem this fluctuation of the tide and to lead all Master Masons toward the summit and perfection of Masonry. This is not only a privilege but a duty.

May we join in the hope that during the year just commencing our progress toward perfection may continue with increasing speed, our numbers be enlarged, our membership improved and our fraternity better and more firmly established.

And now, in the words of Holy Writ,

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
The Lord make His face shine upon thee
And be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee
And give thee peace."

Amen. So mote it be.

The Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS.

*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*

A. Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, and Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250 and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. Howard S. Barnes, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion Wayne J. Pennell, of Berwyn, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion Milton E. Gingrich, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon.

4. Companion John H. Bennett, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion Charles R. Roberts, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

6. Companion Charles H. Tilton, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion Charles H. Weaver, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion Peter K. Filbert, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

9. Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion RICHARD J. FAUST, of Mount Union, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

12. Companion HENRY HIPPLE, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 261, of Bradford County, and 227 of Cameron County.

13. Companion O. BRUCE PORTER, of Clearfield, for the Counties of Clearfield and Elk, and McKean (except Chapter No. 254).

14. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter 254, of McKean County.

15. Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

16. Companion EDWARD HOPE, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 285 and 297, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion CHARLES B. RUCH, of Washington, for Chapters Nos. 217, 280, 286, 288, of Allegheny County, and 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of McKeesport, for Chapters Nos. 282 and 289, of Allegheny County, No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapter No. 290).

20. Companion ALLAN W. URMSON, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

22. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

*Trustees.*

M. E. Comp. J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
" " CHARLES CHIPMAN.
" " GEORGE W. SEEDS.

*Grand Chaplains.*

Comp. REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D. D., of Philadelphia.
" REV. ROBERT C. BOWLING, of Kittanning.

Comp. Rev. Clarence H. Woolston, D. D., of Philadelphia.
" Rev. John G. Wilson, D. D., of Philadelphia.
" Rev. Edward W. Rushton, of Reading.
" Rev. McWilliam R. Craig, of Butler.

*Grand Captain of the Host.*

Comp. S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Chapter No. 240.

*Grand Principal Sojourner.*

Comp. Benjamin Eiseman, of Chapter No. 183.

*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*

Comp. Frank W. Martenis, of Chapter No. 291.

*Grand Master of Third Vail.*

Comp. Robert A. Walker, of Chapter No. 223.

*Grand Master of Second Vail.*

Comp. J. William Pancoast, of Chapter No. 257.

*Grand Master of First Vail.*

Comp. George P. Darrow, of Chapter No. 232.

*Grand Marshal.*

Comp. August P. Kunzig, of Chapter No. 234.

*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

Comp. Ralph C. Minehart, of Chapter No. 208.

*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, of Chapter No. 286.

*Grand Pursuivant.*

Comp. CHARLES S. WOOD, of Chapter No. 3.

*Grand Tyler.*

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

*Committee on Jurisprudence.*

M. E. Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.
" " EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.
" " MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.
" " EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.
" " H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.
" " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
" " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
" " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.
" " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
" " GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.
" " PORTER W. LOWRY, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

*Committee on Appeals.*

M. E. Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.
" " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
Comp. ALFRED L. REICHENBACH.
" REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.
" BERTRAM D. REARICK.

*Committee on Finance.*

M. E. Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith, P. G. H. P.
Comp. William M. Donaldson.
" E. Marshall Harvey.
" J. Waelder McMullen.
" McCluney Radcliffe.

*Committee on By-laws.*

M. E. Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, P. G. H. P.
Comp. A. Howard Thomas.
" Fenton H. Middleton.
" William A. Rhoads.
" William R. Sutch.

*Committee on Correspondence.*

M. E. Comp. William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P.
Comp. John M. Core.
" Walter T. Taggart.
" William R. Murphey.
" Joseph L. Mann.

*Committee on Charity.*

M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, P. G. H. P.
Comp. John E. Poore.
" George F. Garside.
" Albert W. Nicholson.
" Charles T. Gilden.

*Committee on Printing and Publishing.*

Comp. Louis M. Wagner.
" James W. R. Washington.

Comp. Frank E. Townsend.
" Murray Gorgas.
" Wesley R. Morgan.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr., in a eulogistic address, presented the Jewel of a Past Grand High Priest to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Porter W. Lowry, who accepted the Jewel in well-chosen remarks, showing his appreciation.

The M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion George B. Wells, Past Grand High Priest, expressing his appreciation of the faithful and efficient services rendered by the Assistant Grand Secretary, Companion Warren T. Walker, requested confirmation of his re-appointment, when, upon motion duly made and seconded, the appointment of Companion Warren T. Walker as Assistant Grand Secretary for the present Masonic year was duly confirmed by Grand Chapter.

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia, announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest Edward Smith Conrad, who died August 21, 1916.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty-five minutes P. M.

George B. Wells,
*Grand Secretary.*

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF

# The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

## OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1795, William Ball.*
1796—1797, William Moore Smith.*
1798—1802, Jonathan Bayard Smith.*
1802—1805, Israel Israel.*
1806—1813, James Milnor.*
1814, Richard Tybout.*
1815, Samuel F. Bradford.*
1816—1817, Walter Kerr.*
1818—1821, Bayse Newcomb.*
1822—1823, Josiah Randall.*
1824—1825, Michael Nisbet.*
1826, John Steele, Jr.*
1827, Tristram B. Freeman.*
1828, Joseph S. Riley.*
1829—1831, John M. Read.*
1832—1833, Samuel H. Perkins.*
1834, Enos S. Gandy.*
1835, John Y. Black.*
1836—1840, Joseph R. Chandler.*
1841—1842, Alexander Dimond.*
1843—1844, William Whitney.*
1845—1846, William Barger.*
1847, John McGrath.*
1848, John J. Krider.*
1849, James Simpson.*
1850—1851, David C. Skerrett.*
1852—1853, Edward P. Lescure.*
1854, Anthony Bournonville.*

* Deceased.

1855—1856, Harman Baugh.*
1857, John C. Smith.*
1858—1859, Daniel Thompson.*
1860, Benjamin Parke.*
1861, Harman Yerkes.*
1862—1863, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.*
1864—1865, George W. Wood.*
1866—1867, Samuel C. Perkins.*
1868—1869, George Griscom.*
1870—1871, Michael Nisbet.*
1874—1875, Andrew Robeno, Jr.*
1876, George E. Wagner.*
1877—1878, Alfred R. Potter.*
1879—1880, William C. Hamilton.*
1881—1882, Hibbert P. John.
1883—1884, Augustus R. Hall.*
1885—1886, George W. Kendrick, Jr.*
1887—1888, Matthias H. Henderson.*
1889—1890, James S. Barber.*
1891—1892, Alexander H. Morgan.*
1893—1894, Edgar A. Tennis.
1895—1896, Ezra S. Bartlett.*
1897—1898, Richard M. Johnson.*
1899—1900, Michael W. Jacobs.
1901—1902, Edward B. Spencer.
1903—1904, H. Oscar Kline.
1905—1906, J. Henry Williams.
1907—1908, William B. Meredith.
1909—1910, Carl A. Sundstrom.
1911—1912, A. G. Criswell Smith.
1913—1914, George B. Wells.
1915—1916, Porter W. Lowry.

* Deceased.

# In Memoriam

A life is projected into the world and at once becomes a care and a joy—nurtured in love, directed and counseled in kindness and affection till maturity, when individual responsibility begins to assert itself. No life comes into the world without a purpose. That purpose can only be attained by a careful preparation of body, soul and mind. The body needs careful training that it may be a fitting home of the soul and mind. The soul must be cultured by contact with the teachings of the Holy Word in order to develop the sympathetic side of our nature and our dependence upon a higher power, while the mind must be trained to enable us to grapple with the things of time and sense fitting us for the activities of life, whereby we may be able to serve our fellow-men, for no man reaches the highest ideals who lives for his own success and comfort alone.

Most Excellent Companion George Washington Kendrick, Jr., Past Grand High Priest, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 31, 1841, and died in the city of his birth February 26, 1916. He was fitted for his several vocations in life by acquiring an education in the public schools, graduating from the Boys' Central High School in 1858. He early engaged in business activities, devoting his time largely to financial interests, being vice-president of the Third National Bank of Philadelphia and a director in other financial institutions.

He was actively identified with the Northminster Presbyterian Church, and at the time of his death was the only remaining member of the first board of trustees, having served for a period of thirty-seven years. He was president of the board for ten years, and often spoke to the writer of his love for the church and his interest in its success.

M. E. Companion Kendrick also found time to take an interest in the civic life of his city. He was first elected to Common Council from the First Ward, and served during the years 1871 and 1872; then he represented the Twenty-fourth Ward in 1878 and 1879. He was elected to membership in Select Council,

where he served with fidelity from 1893 to 1896. In this instance he was elected from the minority party, which evidenced the appreciation and confidence of his neighbors who believed in his integrity of purpose. Less than a year before his death he was appointed a member of the Board of City Trusts of Philadelphia by the Board of Judges. This last honor pleased him very much, since, among other responsibilities, it involved the care of the Stephen Girard bequests and foundations, such as Girard College, which enjoyed his special interest.

He married Miss Minnie Murdock, of Philadelphia, September 5, 1866. Two sons were born to them—George W. Kendrick, 3d, and Murdock Kendrick—both of whom have been active in Masonic work. Their home relations were charming, and together they delighted in making others happy and relieving those whom they found to be in need.

M. E. Companion Kendrick was a man of fine physique, erect carriage and dignified bearing, full of kindly sympathy and helpfulness, always extending a cordial hand-grasp to those whom he met anywhere, thus endearing himself to the Brethren. He was a man of strong convictions and followed up what he believed to be right without faltering. If at any time what he said gave offence, it was unintentional on his part, and he hastened to apologize for the same. He was not satisfied with mere lip repentance, but did all in his power to repair the injury he had done, thus proving himself a true man, appreciative of the teachings of Freemasonry.

In Freemasonry, M. E. Companion Kendrick took a most active interest and was beloved by all who knew him. He received every preferment it was possible for the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to bestow upon him, and his friendships and interests were not confined to the borders of his own state. His Masonic record is not equaled by any one within this Jurisdiction.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in Mitchell Lodge No. 296, Germantown, Pa., August 27, 1863; received the Fellow Craft degree September 24, 1863, and the degree of Master Mason October 22, 1863. In January, 1867, he resigned his membership in Mitchell Lodge, and on March 12, 1867, he was

elected to membership in Washington Lodge No. 59. He was passed to the chair by dispensation at a special meeting of Washington Lodge March 21, and in December of that year was elected Junior Warden. He was elected Senior Warden December, 1868, and Worshipful Master in December, 1869, serving in that station during the year 1870. He served as Representative of his Lodge in Grand Lodge until his election in Grand Lodge in 1900. He was made a life member of his Lodge January 12, 1869.

In Grand Lodge he was elected Junior Grand Warden in December, 1900; Senior Grand Warden in 1902, Deputy Grand Master in 1904 and Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1906, serving until December, 1908. During his term of office he issued an edict forbidding the use of intoxicants at Masonic meetings, which endeared him to the Brethren in such a manner as to cause them to estem him as a great benefactor to Freemasonry. He made no profession as to being a total abstainer; but, being convinced of the great temptation being placed before the thousands of young men who were coming into this great fraternity, he had the courage to take the action he did, and all now praise him.

In Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91 he received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason June 13, 1864, and was made a life member the same evening. He was elected Senior Warden in December, 1868, and Worshipful Master in 1869.

He received the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch in Harmony Chapter No. 52, May 28, 1867, and became a life member January 1, 1869. He was elected Scribe in December, 1868; King, December, 1869, and Most Excellent High Priest in December, 1870.

In Grand Chapter he served as Grand Captain of the Host in 1879 and 1880; was elected Most Excellent Grand Scribe in December, 1880; Most Excellent Grand King in December, 1882, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in December, 1884, serving in that station during the years 1885 and 1886.

In the Cryptic Rite he received the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master in Philadelphia Council No. 11, R. and S. M. M., February 12, 1868, and became a

life member December 9, 1869. He served the Council as Deputy Illustrious Master in 1871 and as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1872. In the Grand Council of Pennsylvania he was elected R. P. Grand P. C. of Work in February, 1883; R. P. Illustrious Grand Master in February, 1884; R. P. Deputy Grand Master in February, 1885, and Most Puissant Grand Master in February, 1886. He received the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, K. T., January 11, 1870, and the Orders of the Temple and Malta, March 12, 1870. He was elected a life member September 5, 1870. In the Commandery he was elected Generalissimo, March 4, 1872, and Eminent Commander, March 3, 1873. In the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania he was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1876, Grand Senior Warden in 1877, Grand Captain-General in 1878, Grand Generalissimo in 1879, Deputy Grand Commander in 1880 and Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1881.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he received the 4th to the 14th Degrees, inclusive, in Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°, on January 18, 1878, and served as Thrice Potent Master in 1883. He received the 15th and 16th Degrees in De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, on March 15, 1878, and served as Sovereign Prince in 1885. He received the 17th and 18th Degrees in Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, March 15, 1878, and served as Most Wise Master in 1883. He received the 19th to the 32d Degrees, inclusive, in Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, on April 19, 1878, and was elected Commander-in-Chief, January, 1890, serving the full term of three years.

He was elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, held in Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1890, which was conferred upon him in Boston, Mass., in September, 1891. He was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council at its annual meeting held in Boston, Mass., September 19, 1906.

In all of these stations in Masonic Life he performed his full duty to the several bodies and to the craft. His Masonic work was of a high order, always impressively rendered, and

found a ready response in the hearts of those who were present. He believed fully in putting into practice his Masonic teachings. He was one of those who met to consider means of establishing a Home for Aged and Indigent Masons of Pennsylvania, and when the organization was effected he was made a member of the Board of Managers and Vice-President, and on January 13, 1911, he was elected President of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, on North Broad Street, Philadelphia, which position he held at the time of his death. The members of the Home were his constant care, and he gave much of his thought, time and means for the comfort of these Brethren. It was a pleasing sight to see him welcomed by these aged Brethren and surrounded by the bright, happy faces of the little orphans at the Orphanage, under the same management. Companion Kendrick was happiest when he was making others happy. His acts of love were not confined to these alone. Many a Brother received material assistance from him which was known only to the one receiving it. He took quite an interest in the Masonic Veterans' Association of Philadelphia, and served as its President for a term. On the occasion of these meetings many pleasant reminiscences were indulged in by the members present.

We shall miss Most Excellent Companion Kendrick. Gone! Yes, in the physical form. His tongue is silenced, but the spirit of the man shall ever abide with us. His enthusiasm for Freemasonry, his many deeds of kindness, his sympathetic words and clasp of the hand of fraternal affection, shall linger with us as a beloved memory and an inspiration to nobler deeds of kindness so that we may more nearly measure up to the requirements made of us in fulfilling our purpose in life.

He was buried from the church in which he had worshiped for so many years, on Tuesday, February 29, 1916, and so great were the throngs that assembled to pay a last sad tribute to his memory from all adjoining Jurisdictions as well as from our own that hundreds in attendance were unable to get inside of the church to hear the services. Truly a beautiful testimony of love and affection to a great man!

We all join our hearts in sympathy because of the great loss Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction has sustained by his death.

"I hear a dear, familiar voice;
A loving hand clasps close my own
And earth seems made for me alone.

"If I my fortune could have planned,
I would not have let go that hand;
But they must fall who learn to stand.

"And how to blend life's varied hues,
What ill to find, what good to lose,
My Father knoweth best to choose."

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

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The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed that the above In Memoriam, read at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, June 8, 1916, be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

Attest:

GEORGE B. WELLS,
*Grand Secretary.*

# In Memoriam

Stockton Bates came into this world February 4, 1843, and departed from it March 12, 1916, and it may be truly said it was a better world because of him.

Though his earthly pilgrimage covered a period exceeding by three years the span allotted by the Psalmist, no one ever spoke or even thought of him as an old man.

Correct living, exalted thinking and persistent doing seemed to perpetuate in him the attributes of youth. Younger men sought his companionship and drew profit therefrom. Children loved him.

Aye, all who knew him loved him. Love! It was said of him, "he loved like a woman." Yet one would travel far, indeed, to find a manlier man.

Red blood flowed in his veins, courage never forsook him. His word needed not the backing of a bond. Falsehood and sham he hated.

Stockton Bates loved Masonry and lived it. He never deemed it a hardship to go far afield in a Brother's cause nor failed to safely lock within his manly breast that Brother's secrets.

To virtue and merit in his Brethren he accorded unstinted praise, but for their failings he had only the charity of silence.

Companion Bates being blessed with a strong intellect, a sympathetic heart, a genial disposition, a well-stored mind and courtly manners, was ever a charming guest and a host incomparable. He was also a writer of merit, and many of his published articles in both prose and verse found appreciative readers; but it may be truly said his pen was as his tongue, ever subject to command for uplift, but never used for abasement. Neither spoken nor written word of his ever summoned a blush or left a sting.

All of this I offer, and much more I could, out of full heart and personal knowledge; and there are those privileged to closer association, and longer, who tell me of material aid and gifts

beyond his means, where the left hand knew not of the right hand's doing, and of burden-bearing for others that taxed the strength. But Stockton Bates never spoke of those things.

A score of instances might be cited to show the fiber of Stockton Bates' character; let two suffice.

After enjoying a period of well-earned prosperity in commercial life, we are told that at the age of fifty-three he lost "all his material possessions through the injustice of others."

Instead of accepting failure and bemoaning his lot, "with resolute heart and cheerful" he started life anew; forged to the front in an honorable profession and twenty years later left a lucrative business as a monument to his memory.

In December, 1902, he accepted the position of Assistant Grand Secretary in this Grand Chapter, at the solicitation of his friend, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary.

Later, by reason of the failing health of his Chief, he assumed the burden, and for years did the work of the Grand Secretary without the honor or emoluments of the office, until December, 1913, when, without the remotest suggestion from him, Companion Cary declined a re-election, and Companion Bates was unanimously chosen as his successor.

The Masonic history of Companion Bates shows a record of nearly forty years of unceasing service and successive honors, but as it has already been published in detail and will be reproduced in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, it would seem superfluous to here repeat it.

It seems more than fitting that I close this In Memoriam with the following lines written by Stockton Bates' daughter, Mrs. Helen Hicks Brodersen, which he had purposed reading at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, which was held but a few days after he was called from us.

THE HAND CLASP.

Reach me your hand, oh, steadfast friend of mine!
I feel its strength run through my veins like wine.
My sinking courage starts to rise and flow,
Bidding me dare to conquer every foe
And laugh at all things dread, all things malign.

Your hand, my friend, about mine own entwine;
Its warmth is like the warmth of Spring sunshine.
And, oh! sometimes, sometimes I need it so!
Reach me your hand.

Your friendship is so vast, so superfine,
The little earth could never quite confine
Its limits, and I feel that if you go
Before, and I must wait, you will, I know,
Across the spaces, from your home Divine,
Reach me your hand.

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The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed that the above In Memoriam, prepared and read by Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion George B. Wells, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, June 8, 1916, be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

Attest:

GEORGE B. WELLS,
*Grand Secretary.*

## In Memory of

# Past High Priests, Deceased

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|---|---|---|
| JAMES H. ANDERSON ..... | No. 52 | Jany. 2, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr. . | " 52 | Feby. 26, 1916 |
| CHARLES A. STINE ..... | " 52 | Oct. 11, 1916 |
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| GEORGE W. LEHR ..... | " 152 | Oct. 23, 1916 |
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| NAPOLEON B. HEEFNER . | " 176 | May 11, 1916 |
| JOSEPH L. KENT ..... | " 180 | Jany. 22, 1916 |
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| SAMUEL D. DUFF ..... | " 183 | Mar. 1, 1916 |
| S. L. DICKSON ..... | " 185 | Feby. 24, 1916 |

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| EDWARD P. KINGSBURY | No. 185 | Aug. 30, 1916 |
| WILLIAM A. BUNTING | " 190 | Oct. 2, 1916 |
| WILLIAM H. SMITH | " 191 | June 12, 1916 |
| A. M. CAVITT | " 193 | Mar. 18, 1916 |
| A. V. COALE | " 193 | Jany. 9, 1916 |
| HARVEY SCOTT | " 196 | Nov. 21, 1916 |
| WILLIAM C. QUICK | " 198 | Mar. 6, 1916 |
| EDWIN MYERS | " 199 | May 5, 1916 |
| DAVID P. MILLER | " 201 | Feby. 16, 1916 |
| BARCLAY LEAR | " 202 | Nov. 13, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. STANTON | " 205 | Feby. 7, 1916 |
| GEORGE M. ECKELS | " 209 | May 23, 1916 |
| WILLIAM S. LADDS | " 211 | Oct. 12, 1916 |
| BRYCE R. BLAIR | " 214 | Feby. 11, 1916 |
| WILLIAM V. KNAUSS | " 216 | Jany. 12, 1916 |
| MATTHEW J. SCHMID | " 216 | Dec. 3, 1915 |
| GEORGE M. GRAY | " 217 | July 12, 1916 |
| JACOB S. CULBERTSON | " 220 | Jany. 19, 1916 |
| HENRY Z. KUEBLER | " 221 | Sept. 23, 1916 |
| EZRA RATHMELL | " 222 | Nov. 9, 1916 |
| STEPHEN S. CLAIR | " 224 | Oct. 16, 1916 |
| SAMUEL M. CRAWFORD | " 224 | Nov. 20, 1916 |
| SAMUEL C. MAY | " 224 | Feby. 27, 1916 |
| ROBERT G. CALDWELL | " 232 | Mar. 9, 1916 |
| WILLIAM C. RANDOLPH | " 232 | Mar. 24, 1916 |

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| THOMAS J. TOWN ..... | No. 232 | Apr. 15, 1916 |
| WARDLE ELLIS ..... | " 234 | May 12, 1916 |
| JOHN N. MacGONIGLE .... | " 236 | Mar. 13, 1916 |
| JOHN B. RENNINGER .... | " 237 | Mar. 25, 1916 |
| ADAM H. SCHMEHL ..... | " 237 | July 24, 1916 |
| JOHN R. COLE ..... | " 241 | Jany. 16, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. SCHOFIELD .... | " 243 | Apr. 22, 1916 |
| GUEST M. TINKER ..... | " 244 | Nov. 8, 1916 |
| JAMES B. OAKS ..... | " 246 | July 9, 1916 |
| CHARLES COLWELL ..... | " 247 | Mar. 14, 1916 |
| JOSEPHUS H. McCULLOUGH, | " 250 | Jany. 5, 1916 |
| EDWARD PERRY ..... | " 250 | Jany. 4, 1916 |
| FRANCIS J. CALLAHAN .. | " 251 | Apr. 26, 1916 |
| S. S. GARWOOD ..... | " 251 | June 24, 1916 |
| WILLIAM H. WILSON ..... | " 251 | Mar. 12, 1916 |
| DANIEL W. BEDEA ..... | " 252 | May 24, 1916 |
| JOHN DICK ..... | " 254 | Oct. 23, 1915 |
| CHARLES R. F. SCHWARTZ . | " 257 | Sept. 13, 1916 |
| BENJAMIN F. DELO ..... | " 259 | June 13, 1916 |
| GEORGE F. VOWINCKLE .. | " 259 | Dec. 22, 1915 |
| MARION L. FISHER ..... | " 264 | Jany. 27, 1916 |
| JOSEPH E. A. SOWERS ... | " 264 | Feby. 2, 1916 |
| WILLIAM T. ZIEGLER .... | " 266 | Mar. 6, 1916 |
| JAMES RODGERS ..... | " 268 | Jany. 12, 1916 |
| DANIEL A. SHIFFERT .... | " 271 | Mar. 30, 1916 |
| WILLIAM H. FLOTO ..... | " 272 | July 28, 1916 |
| JACOB C. KRESSLER ..... | " 274 | Dec. 18, 1915 |
| WILLIAM C. MACKEY ..... | " 275 | Jany. 17, 1916 |
| JOHN SHIFFLER ..... | " 281 | July 1916 |

# REPORT

## OF THE

# COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

| | Annual Convocation | |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | December | William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P. |
| Arizona | November | |
| Arkansas | November | |
| California | April | |
| Canada | January | |
| Colorado | September | |
| Connecticut | May | |
| Delaware | January | |
| District of Columbia | February | |
| England | May | |
| England and Wales | December | |
| England, Grand Mark Lodge | June | |
| Florida | May | A. G. Criswell Smith, P. G. H. P. |
| General Grand Chapter | September | |
| Georgia | April | |
| Idaho | June | |
| Illinois | October | |
| Indiana | October | |
| Iowa | July | |
| Ireland | December | |
| Kansas | February | |
| Kentucky | October | |
| Louisiana | February | |
| Maine | May | |

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| Maryland | November | William R. Murphey. |
| Massachusetts | December | |
| Michigan | January | |
| Minnesota | October | |
| Mississippi | February | |
| Missouri | April | |
| Montana | September | |
| Nebraska | December | |
| Nevada | June | |
| New Brunswick | August | |
| New Hampshire | May | |
| New Jersey | May | |
| New Mexico | October | John M. Core. |
| New York | February | |
| North Carolina | June | |
| North Dakota | June | |
| Nova Scotia | June | |
| Ohio | October | |
| Oklahoma | April | |
| Oregon | June | |
| Quebec | March | |
| Rhode Island | March | |
| Scotland | March | |
| South Carolina | February | |
| South Dakota | June | Walter T. Taggart. |
| Tennessee | January | |
| Texas | December | |
| Utah | May | |
| Vermont | June | |
| Victoria | October | |
| Virginia | November | |
| Washington | June | |
| West Virginia | November | |
| Wisconsin | February | |
| Wyoming | March | |

The report of the Committee on Correspondence for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1916, is again prepared by the usual Committee of Five, with the same subdivision of Grand Chapters as in preceding years.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is prepared by the usual Committee of Five, the Jurisdictions being divided alphabetically.

A change has occurred in the make-up of the Committee. A higher power has called from a life of usefulness here, to the great beyond, our beloved Companion STOCKTON BATES, who for so many years was an active member of this Committee and contributed much to its success. To him the work was a labor of love, devoted as he was to Capitular Masonry, he believed in its principles and practiced them in his life.

It is a pleasure to say that Peace and Harmony prevail in Capitular Masonry on the American Continent. The cloud which appeared in the Northern Horizon one year ago and for a time threatened to destroy the peace and harmony of the Grand Chapter of Canada has disappeared, the Olive Branch has been extended and takes the place of threats and litigation. The Grand Chapter of Canada has extended the glad hand of welcome to the Grand Chapter of Alberta and has recognized it as a regular and independent Grand Chapter, and in due time Alberta will be recognized by all Grand Chapters.

The dispute between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Scotland has culminated in the General Grand Chapter severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland until

such time as it shall recall the warrant issued to Keystone Chapter No. 354, Manila, the General Grand Chapter claiming exclusive jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands (American territory), we think rightly so. There certainly should not be more than one Masonic authority in the same Jurisdiction.

The terrible war which has devastated Europe for the past two years continues with unabated fury. Many of our Brethren and Companions of the British possessions have already given their lives for their country's honor, and many more will meet the same fate. It should be the earnest prayer of all that the Supreme Architect of the Universe may speedily bring about an enduring peace which will enable our Brethren and Companions to return to their homes and families.

Capitular Masonry, while not at a stand still, is making but little progress numerically, certainly not keeping pace with Symbolic Masonry. In some Grand Chapters the membership has decreased slightly, in many others the growth has been small, and in none has the growth been as large as it should. In our Jurisdiction the membership of the subordinate Chapters is not quite thirty-one per cent. of the subordinate Lodges, this is larger than in many Jurisdictions, we cannot fully understand it. We believe that the Masonic student, that those who believe in its principles and adhere to its teachings, should desire to complete their knowledge of Ancient

Masonry, which can only be done by receiving the Royal Arch Masons Degree. What is the reason for this great disparity between the two branches of Ancient Masonry and what is the remedy for it?

Farewell 1916, Welcome 1917. We trust that He who rules over all may, during the New Year, strengthen the Bond of Brotherhood, enlarge our usefulness and increase our membership, so that when the history of 1917 is written, we may all rejoice.

December 27, 1916. W. B. M.

## ALABAMA.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, on Monday, November 29, 1915.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest NORMAN GUNN opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M. All Grand Officers (except two) were present, also six Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of fifty-six Chapters.

The opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain should be read by all.

"O! Almighty, Eternal and ever-loving Heavenly Father, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is Holy, grant to us, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and to do always such things as are right, that we who can not do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will.

"Pour into our hearts the spirit of love for one another. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice. Grant that as we grow in age we may grow in grace. Purge from our souls the spirit of envy, covetousness and greed. Enable us so to live that we shall be separated from all dross; only the golden grain remaining, and we be fitted for the Heavenly Garner, there to dwell with Thee and angels and arch-angels, and all the Celestial Host, from everlasting to everlasting.

"*Amen.* So mote it be."

The Grand High Priest presented his address, it is of considerable length, every member of his own Jurisdiction should read it, it will be a pleasure for many of our members to read at least several extracts.

"Let us not for a moment, on this occasion, forget the ancient landmarks of the Craft. We can best serve by observing and conforming to those basic principles of duty to God, to neighbor and to self which actuated those worthies of the past to trust in the Great I Am to liberate them from bondage and permit them to assist in rebuilding and maintaining those institutions so dear to them by sentiment and tradition, the material part of which had been wrested from their hands. Beneath the wreckage of temple and city and the torch of vandals and the bloody hand of desecration our ancient companions remained steadfast and true, looking forward with unerring faith to a re-establishment of their heritage, ever bearing in remembrance those ancient virtues. Let us be true.

"In this material age of commercial activity and the scramble for wealth and power, let us remember that our Masonic duties and obligations should be the guide and monitor to our lives and conduct. Let us be faithful, patient and not weary in well doing. Let us be Brethren and Companions. We meet in Annual Convocation to fraternize, to unify, to organize, that we may the better display the beauties of our Order, practice its virtues and disseminate good fellowship and well being, thereby making the world better."

According to a regulation of this Grand Chapter the commissions of all Grand Representatives expire with the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, he, therefore, appointed and commissioned Representatives near all Grand Chapters and recommended Representatives for other Jurisdictions near his Grand Chapter.

An unusual number of dispensations were granted, six to elect officers and twenty-five to ballot out of time and confer the Degrees, better abolish the Constitution, the Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest, while approving the issuing of the Dispensations virtually said, don't do it again, as is indicated by the following extract.

"That the action of the Grand High Priest in issuing dispensations to ballot out of statutory time and confer degrees be approved. But your Committee recommend that it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that in the future this prerogative be confined to extreme necessity."

The Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter which met with the Grand Chapter of California at San Francisco on September 1st, receives his attention. He speaks in glowing terms of the unusual pleasure in attending this meeting, the traveling in a luxurious special train, of the reception which awaited them on their arrival at, and during their stay in San Francisco. Doubtless it is a great pleasure to attend the meetings of the General Grand Chapter, and that much good comes to Capitular Masonry from these meetings, and we bid them God-speed in their endeavor to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry. Yet we of Pennsylvania prefer to be independent and our Grand Chapter have absolute control over their affairs.

Three decisions were made, which were approved by Grand Chapter.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show the Grand Chapter to be in good financial condition.

An amendment was adopted changing the date of meeting of Grand Chapter to be Monday immediately preceding the first Wednesday in December.

The following Resolution was offered:

"*Resolved,* That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be requested to report during this convocation, whether or not it is practical, expedient or proper to modify the Edicts relating to physical infirmities making a person ineligible to the Capitular degrees."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence subsequently reported upon the same as follows:

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolutions relative to the physical defect rule, beg leave to report:

"1st. We recommend the abolition or repeal of Constitutional Rule 7 (page 172, Manual 1915), and of Edicts Nos. 14 and 15 (page 176, Manual 1915).

"2nd. We recommend the adoption of the following rule relative to physical defects:

"No candidate can be permitted to receive the Chapter degrees who is so physically defective as to prevent him from conforming to the requirements of the several degrees; and the subordinate Chapter to whom the petition is addressed is to be the judge thereof."

This is the entering wedge, a step in the wrong direction, the old Landmark "A youth without maim or defect in his body," has stood the test of ages, why modernize it in the Twentieth Century?

A Resolution on Concurrent Jurisdiction was adopted as follows:

"*Be it resolved,* By the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, that Edicts, decisions and resolutions be, and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

"In cities where two or more Chapters have concurrent jurisdiction, the Secretary of each Chapter shall be required to notify the other Chapters in said concurrent jurisdiction of each application for the degrees of Capitular Masonry, and wait two weeks for a reply, before balloting on such application."

What purpose will be served by this change?

Membership October 15, 1915, was forty-four hundred, an increase of two hundred and fifty-one during the year and number of Chapters at same date sixty-two.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest, Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE. It is more than readable. It is able, and covers the ground fully. Pennsylvania is accorded a favorable review.

The proceedings contain an engraving of the Grand High Priest M. E. Companion NORMAN GUNN.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. RANSOM was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCAMP re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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## ALBERTA.

Last year we declined to make report upon the Grand Chapter of Alberta, they not having been recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada, but now that difficulty has been adjusted and recognition accorded them.

M. E. Companion JAMES N. RANKIN, Grand Z., opened the Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta in *Ample Form,* in the Masonic Temple in the city of Calgary,

at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, March 8, 1916. All Grand Officers, with one exception, were present.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report showing seven Warranted Chapters on the Roll, all of which were represented. He visited all the Chapters of his Jurisdiction and was most cordially received. The main part of his address refers to the difficulties between the Grand Chapter of Canada and themselves, which we have no disposition to discuss.

The various committees made the customary reports. The report of the Grand Scribe E., shows the present membership to be eight hundred and one (801), an increase of twenty-six (26) during the year.

An engraving of the retiring Grand Z., M. E. Companion JAMES N. RANKIN, adorns the proceedings.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK S. WATSON was elected Grand Z., and R. E. Companion MELVIN M. DOWNEY re-elected Grand Scribe E. Installation followed the election. W. B. M.

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## ARIZONA.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Companion JAMES MANOAH SWETNAM, opened the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in the Masonic Hall in the city of Tucson, at two o'clock P. M., Wednesday, March 15, 1916. But two Grand Officers

were absent. He had the satisfaction of having all the Chapters of the Jurisdiction represented. Nine Past Grand High Priests honored the Convocation by their presence.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a business-like review of his actions during the year.

He announces the death of two Past Grand High Priests during the year, one being Companion Martin W. Kales, their first Grand High Priest.

He reports that the Chapters of the Jurisdiction are working harmoniously.

In speaking of the growth of the subordinate Chapters he uses the following:

"During the year 1915, thirty-one Master Masons have been exalted to the Royal Arch, which indicates a reasonable growth, but not the growth we have a right to be satisfied with. I feel that more ought to be done to increase interest in Chapter Masonry. Every Master Mason in good standing has a right to become a member of the Chapter if he so desires, and the more legitimate information he receives regarding Royal Arch Masonry the more likely he is to become interested and seek the greater knowledge. If Chapter Masons would impart to their brethren of the Symbolic Degree such information as they may, without any infringement upon the traditions and ancient landmarks of Masonry, such an interest would be created that our membership would rapidly increase and the good of Masonry in general be promoted."

Words well spoken. If such a course was followed, we feel confident there would be no cause for complaint about the growth of Capitular Masonry.

But one Dispensation was granted, to receive, act upon and ballot upon Petitions without reference to

Committees. The authority doubtless exists, but does not receive a hearty approval by the Committee on Jurisprudence. Their report is as follows:

"*To the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Arizona:*

"COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the action of our M. E. Grand High Priest in issuing a special dispensation to Arizona Chapter No. 1 to ballot upon the petitions of six candidates for the Capitular Degrees without reference to the proper committee, begs leave to report that while under our Constitution such action is legal, yet your Committee is of the strong opinion that such special dispensations should not be issued except in cases of emergency and under conditions out of the ordinary."

Everything indicates that the exercise of this prerogative of the Grand High Priest is becoming unpopular.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the receipts during the year to have been thirty-three hundred seventy-six and 22/100 dollars, the disbursements to be sixteen hundred fifty-eight and 89/100 dollars, the total assets to be sixty-nine hundred ninety-seven and 33/100 dollars. A favorable showing.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be seven hundred and seventy-two, a gain of nine during the year. Not very encouraging.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported favoring the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, claiming that in its formation the law and custom of American Masonic bodies had been fully complied with. The report was adopted.

No review of Sister Grand Chapters was made.

As you open the proceedings you look upon the firm but kindly face of Companion JAMES MANOAH SWETNAM.

M. E. Companion EDWIN SEYMOUR MILLER was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE Grand Secretary. Both were installed. W. B. M.

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## ARKANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas held their Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 18, 1915, at ten o'clock A. M.

Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. Companion ZUBENST SHORT, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers were present, also a number of Past Grand High Priests. Sixty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief and businesslike. In his introduction we find the following:

"May each gain some good inspiration from this coming together, and as we return to our respective homes, go forth imbued with a renewed determination to convince the world that Capitular Masonry is not mere form and ceremony, but that it has its active part in the benefits which come to the world through the Masonic Fraternity."

Twelve dispensations were issued, all of which he claims were for the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

"Your Grand High Priest has had a number of requests for special dispensations to permit the electing of candidates and conferring of degrees without waiting the statutory time. All such, with one exception, he has refused except where he considered it necessary for the revival of dormant Chapters and in the case of the new Chapter U. D., and then only upon the recommendation of the Grand Secretary or Grand Lecturer who, after investigation, approved the requests as being for the best interest of the order."

A dispensation was issued to organize a new Chapter. Two decisions were made, both of which may be, and doubtless are, good Masonic law, while the officers should be preferred in the conferring of degrees, yet, when a member is such an enthusiastic Mason as to have learned a particular degree, he should be encouraged and given an opportunity to show his ability.

The proposition made one year ago "That Concurrent Jurisdiction, to a point equidistant between Chapters, be granted over material living in Arkansas, to petition for Chapter Degrees in Missouri and Louisiana to take effect upon reciprocal action by the Grand Chapters of Missouri and Louisiana." The matter was presented to the Grand Chapter of Missouri. They, however, did not concur in the action. Very wise. Better keep within State lines.

He recommended an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary, but it did not meet with favor by the Committee on Jurisprudence. A good Secretary is a valuable asset.

The Grand Secretary reports the total receipts to be thirty-three hundred fifty-seven and 40/100 dollars ($3357.40).

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in his hands of thirty-six hundred twenty-four and 95/100 dollars ($3624.95), with a loan of twenty-five hundred dollars.

One of the subordinate Chapters was granted permission to hold alternate meetings at Osceola and Wilson. The Grand Chapter has the authority to change the place of meeting of a Chapter, and doubtless to name two places of meeting in the Warrant of a Chapter. But is it policy to do so? Is a migratory Chapter desirable? It does not accord with Pennsylvania's ideas.

The present membership of the Grand Chapter is forty-three hundred and seventy-eight (4378), a gain of twenty-seven during the year. Last year's proceedings made the membership forty-three thousand and fifty one (43,051), an error on the part of the stenographer or printer. It should have been forty-three hundred and fifty-one (4351).

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is again prepared by Companion Gordon Huffmaster, under Pennsylvania. He gives what purports to be a history of the introduction of Free Masonry into Pennsylvania, from a Massachusetts standpoint, which does great injustice to our Juris-

diction. If we were seeking information as to the introduction of Free Masonry into Arkansas, we believe it would be both courteous and Masonic to ask the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for such information. We also believe if any one is seeking information (which is to be given to the Masonic world) as to the introduction of Free Masonry into Pennsylvania, it would be both courteous and Masonic to ask our Grand Lodge for such information.

We have no desire, and do not intend to get into any controversy as to the introduction of Free Masonry into Pennsylvania. This question has been discussed for the last fifty years by the Representatives of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and at the Annual Meeting in December, 1908, the then R. W. Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, put the finishing touches to the subject and established, beyond a doubt, that the first Masonic Lodge ever held on American soil was in Philadelphia, in 1727, and that in 1731 an independent Grand Lodge was established.

We give extracts from the address of the R. W. Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, so far as it relates to this subject:

"This Grand Lodge has always felt that history founded upon doubtful facts is no better than a legend, and has conscientiously endeavored to support every material fact relating to its own affairs with incontrovertible proof. Careless investigators have occasionally made statements that have appeared in the Masonic literature of the day, which have given an entirely wrong impression in regard to historic facts. It is doubtless the fact that many Freemasons emigrated from England, in the early

years of the eighteenth century, to the British Settlements in Virginia, Maryland, the Carolinas, New York, and New England, and that their interest in Freemasonry was renewed by the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1717, so that they would naturally establish Lodges in the land of their adoption. Their records have been lost or destroyed, but an earnest search for these lost treasures should be prosecuted in the hope of ascertaining the date and place of their location—'to glean up the scattered ashes into History's golden urn' so as to preserve the deeds that should not pass away and the names that must not be forgotten.

"It is certainly fair to assume that soon after WILLIAM PENN plotted his 'Green Country Towne' in 1682, some rugged pioneers, who were Freemasons, came to Philadelphia. In that early day, the Fraternity in England was avouched for by kings, princes and rulers, and was actively represented by political and social functionaries. Posts of honor and adventure would be reasonably and naturally given to the favorites of power, representing the 'Lords of the Committee of Trade, and Plantations,' appointed by England's Privy Council for the general supervision of the American Colonies.

"The earliest authenticated record is a letter, written in 1715, by one JOHN MOORE, who came to Philadelphia in 1703, as King's Collector of the Port, in which he states that 'he had spent a few evenings in festivity with his Masonic Brethren in this City.' But, passing from the period of doubt and uncertainty, we have definite and indisputable proof of the existence in Philadelphia of the Holy Lodge of St. John in 1727; this fact is evidenced by the recovery, during the present year, of the Constitution of that ancient Lodge, as transcribed by THOMAS CARMICK, who concluded the transcription with:

"'Whatsomever Meason or fellow Craft that shall meet with this booke I charge him, upon the tenor of his oath to take Great Care of it and Retturn it to Me.'

"This manuscript, which is of inestimable value to the Fraternity at large, and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular, proves its genuineness by its archaic appearance, and by its having been a treasured heirloom in the continuous custody of a family of Masons of the blood of the writer. It is unblemished by alteration of any kind, yet soiled and worn by nearly two centuries of use, but is in perfectly legible form and is consistent in all parts, so that it demonstrates its own accuracy and unquestionableness. It was formally presented to this Grand Lodge by Brother PERSIFOR FRAZER SMITH, of Milnor Lodge, No. 287, at Pittsburgh, by the hand of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, on December 2, 1908, and is now among the archives in our Masonic Library. The recovery of this old manuscript has renewed and extended the interest in the early history of our Fraternity.

"On June 5, 1730, THOMAS, Duke of Norfolk, then Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of England, granted a deputation to Brother DANIEL COXE, as Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, which was never revoked, modified or surrendered. As shown by the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England, Brother COXE visited that Grand Lodge on January 29, 1731, and was by that august body greeted as a Provincial Grand Master.

"We deem this important, as showing that, at that time, the Grand Lodge of England knew and acted upon the fact, that there were a number of regular English Masons residing in those Colonies, whom it was desired to have affiliated with the Mother Grand Lodge through local Subordinate Lodges without further correspondence with the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England; without the presence in the Provinces of such Masons, there would not have been any reason for the Grand Lodge of England to appoint a Provincial Grand Master, and whether any application for permission to form a Lodge was made to him and the request granted, is not material.

"We have no written record showing any official action taken by Brother DANIEL COXE as a Provincial Grand Master, and in view of the disturbed condition of the Province at that time, when fire and sword and slaughter made 'a desolated and devastated country-side' it would be more than could be hoped for to have an original record of a merely fraternal association preserved from that period. There was a sufficient reason for Pennsylvania Lodges not acting under the COXE deputation, because they had at that time an independent Grand Lodge of their own of equal Masonic character as the Grand Lodge of England.

"From the records in our Library vaults, which are accessible to all students, it is shown beyond controversy that BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was initiated into St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia, on February 1, 1730. His personal journal records the fact of a meeting of Masons at Brother HUBBARD'S on July 4th, 1730, at which he was present. In the Pennsylvania Gazette, printed in Philadelphia, by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN at 'The new printing house near the market,' under date of December 8, 1730, announcement is made of the meetings of 'several Lodges of Freemasons.' These Lodges were composed of English-speaking Freemasons who united in the organization of an independent Grand Lodge, which did not recognize any superior authority.

"In 1731, this Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania was a sovereign organization, and was the third oldest in the Fraternity; the order of establishment being: first, the Grand Lodge of England, constituted in 1717; second, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, constituted in 1729; and third, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, constituted in 1731. These facts have

been established beyond all matter of controversy by Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland,—than whom there is no higher Masonic authority—in his introduction to the 'Caementaria Hibernica,' published in Dublin in 1895. As stated in a letter to our Librarian, Brother JULIUS F. SACHSE, under date of December 15, 1908, by this eminent historian:

"'The original Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania was formed by immemorial right, just as the Grand Lodge of England was formed, by the cohesion of subordinate Lodges, similarly formed by immemorial right; not otherwise. Your latter-day usages have begotten an instinctive rather than a logical assumption that there ought to have been a Warrant, that is, a Charter.

"'To my mind, your Grand Lodge, formed by ancient, indefeasible right, stands on far other ground than if it had been formed by a dubious warrant, that is, permission from any outside power that had itself been formed in the higher way.'

"On June 24, 1731, FRANKLIN'S personal records show that he paid 'his Lodge dues of two pounds, two shillings and sixpence, being balance due on his initiation fee and dues to date.'

"The Pennsylvania Gazette of June 26, 1732, gives notice of a meeting held by the Grand Lodge of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons at the 'Tun Tavern' on Water Street; when after a 'handsome entertainment, Brother WILLIAM ALLEN was selected Grand Master for the Masonic year, ensuing, and that he was pleased to appoint Brother WILLIAM PRINGLE as Deputy Grand Master; the Wardens for the ensuing year were THOMAS BOUDE and BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.' There is preserved, also, a record of the members, and a report made by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, in his own handwriting, that same year, while acting as the secretary of a Committee 'to consider the present state of the Lodge and the proper method for improving it.' This was accompanied by a draft of a set of By-laws for his Lodge. On June 24, 1734, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was elected Grand Master of the Province of Pennsylvania, and during this year he reprinted ANDERSON'S Constitutions of 1723, which was the first Masonic book printed in America.

"On September 23, 1743, Brother the Right Honorable JOHN WARD, Grand Master of England, nominated THOMAS OXNARD, Esq., of Boston, Massachusetts, Provincial Grand Master of all North America, who, on the tenth of July, 1749, appointed Brother BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with authority to appoint other Grand Officers, hold a Grand Lodge, issue Warrants, etc. The first Grand Lodge under this Warrant was held September 5, 1749, at the house of Brother HENRY PRATT, 'The Royal Standard,' on Market Street, near Second.

"The regularity of this appointment was seriously questioned, and at the Communication of the Pennsylvania Independent Grand Lodge held March 13, 1750, WILLIAM ALLEN, Esquire, then the Recorder of the City of Philadelphia, presented to the Grand Lodge a Commission direct from the Grand Master of all England, appointing him Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, which was recognized as valid, and Grand Master ALLEN then appointed Brother BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Deputy Grand Master, which position he retained until after his departure to England in 1757, as the agent of the Assembly, to present a petition to Parliament and urge the rights of the Province.

"In the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England of November 17, 1760, his name is entered 'BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq., P. G. M. of Philadelphia.'

"By this proceeding, the original independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was merged into a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, 'Moderns.'

"These may be considered very impractical matters in this very material age, yet, for the information of students, they are here rehearsed, and an examination is invited of the original records in our Library, to prove beyond any question of doubt these and many other interesting historical facts, which show that at least as early as 1727, there were regular Lodges in this Province of Pennsylvania, and in 1731 there was an established independent Grand Lodge."

For complete address of R. W. Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, see Grand Lodge proceedings of Pennsylvania, 1908, pages 128 to 152, inclusive. Should be in every Grand Lodge Library.

An engraving of the present Grand High Priest M. E. Companion DURAND WHIPPLE is an introduction to the proceedings.

M. E. Companion DURAND WHIPPLE was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion JOHN C. BONE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

## CALIFORNIA.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, by Grand High Priest M. E. Companion WILLIAM HENRY GAYNOR. All the Grand Officers were present, also a number of Past Grand High Priests and Representatives, officers and members of subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest announced the purpose of the meeting to be, the receiving and welcoming the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, the Grand High Priest welcomed the General Grand High Priest and officers as follows:

"General Grand High Priest Witt and officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America: It is with pride and a great pleasure that I stand in this station this morning to welcome you to this city, the metropolis of this great State, in the name of your host, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Like the sojourners of old you have come here to participate in the glorious work of the Royal Craft, to promote and perpetuate those lofty ideals and conservative policies which have carried the General Grand Chapter through trials and vicissitudes for more than a century and kept it in the foremost ranks of duty and usefulness. We meet today under most pleasant and auspicious circumstances, and we rejoice at the opportunity of greeting you as the highest representatives of Capitular Masonry in the world. You have journeyed here from many parts of this great nation, and today your California Companions open their arms to receive you, and there springs from the heart of each of us a welcome more hearty than words can express. We hope that you may enjoy the hospitality and entertainment which has been provided, and Companions, we want to know you and we want you to know us, and we trust that your stay among us will be most gratifying, and when the administration of your fraternal affairs of the Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation is concluded and you are prepared to depart to your distant homes, our hope and desire is that you should carry

with you kindly recollections and personal memories of the Golden State of California and its people and the Companions whose guests you were and who have been so eminently honored by your coming. Companions, we will now join in receiving our distinguished Companions with the Grand Honors of Masonry by Three Times Three.''

''Companion Witt, the Grand Chapter of California guards this gavel with jealous care. When we receive our Grand Master of Masons, or the Grand High Priest and Representatives of our Sister Jurisdictions, we accord them all the honor that is possible, but we do not tender them the gavel, because we realize that this instrument is symbolic of authority and can be entrusted but to one person in this State. To you, however, Companion Witt, it is freely tendered as to one to whom it of right belongs.''

## The General Grand High Priest responded as follows:

''Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Companions of California espēcially, for the first time in its history the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Royal Arch Masons—the greatest body of Masons on the face of the earth today, and I speak that advisedly—greatest in numbers, greatest in power and influence, the whole of which power and influence is exerted for the good of the people with whom we live—for the first time I say in its history of this great organization we have come west of the great dividing line of mountains over which most of us have passed in approaching this beautiful State. One of the first things I did upon my arrival in this city was to take an outside view of the great Exposition in San Francisco. I stood for half an hour gazing, not so much upon the result of the picture painted, but upon the conception which the artist had in his mind. On one side of the picture were painted the pictures of young men and of young women, starting out to explore new fields from the crowded portions of the earth, with hope beaming from every feature, every eye bright with expectation of what the future in the great west held out to them; on the other side of the picture the welcome which California extended to its visitors. Now we come to dwell with you as these people did, and I can see now the arms held out for our welcome reception into this beautiful State and City. The welcome beams from the eye and manifestations of it have met us on every turn since we have been here, and it becomes my pleasant duty to accept on behalf of the representatives of this great body of Free Masons this greeting and liberal hospitality extended to us. We accept it in the same spirit and we intend to enjoy every minute of it while we are here when we are free from the business which calls us to the city. (Applause.) It may be a long time,

maybe a hundred years, before this body meets here again, as it takes a good while to get to San Francisco, and you can understand that we have got a good deal of lost time to make up, but we are here and are going to take everything you give us in the shape of hospitality. (Applause.) But we enjoy it and don't intend to turn down any of it, and we hope to make our sessions as short as possible to put in all the time at our disposal in the enjoyment of the hospitality of the Grand Chapter of California.'' (Applause.)

We admire the General Grand Chapter but not enough to advocate Pennsylvania becoming part of it. We prefer the independence we enjoy.

The Grand Chapter of California retired to Commandry Asylum, where Grand Chapter was closed in *Ample Form.*

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on Tuesday, April 18th, at ten o'clock A. M,, M. E. Companion WILLIAM HENRY GAYNOR, Grand High Priest, presiding. Three Grand Officers were absent, ten Past High Priests and Representatives of ninety-three Charter Chapters and delegates from two Chapters under dispensation were present. As usual, they were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

We note that they give the names of the survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906.

The Grand High Priest's address covers his actions during the year. There are portions of it which should be mentioned but space forbids.

He announces the death of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Florin Leslie Jones and William Alexander January.

Dispensations were few, two to open and form new Chapters and three for holding elections. They met with approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Grand Chapter.

He made fifty-seven visitations and installed the officers of eight Chapters. Certainly a strenuous year. Yet he regrets that he was not able to give more time to service of the Grand Chapter. He certainly was pleased with the distinction and consideration shown him on all occasions. We give his language:

"During my official visitations I have been the recipient of every mark of distinction and consideration due the head of this Grand Jurisdiction. If I were to relate the many acts of kindness and appreciation shown me, I fear I would be trespassing on your time and patient indulgence. I must, therefore, content myself with a general survey of these loyal receptions and courtesies manifested on every occasion. My sole regret is that, owing to a fully occupied business life, I have not been able to devote more time in the service of the Grand Chapter and the treasure-strewn fields of Royal Arch Masonry. Many delightful hours of pleasurable Companionship have been mine to enjoy in the body of the Royal Craft. It has been my good fortune to have been supported not only by the Grand Officers, but also by the High Priests, Past High Priests and the Companions of the constituent Chapters, and I desire to testify to my deep appreciation of the assistance and encouragement which they have so unselfishly given me. I assure you that its immeasurable worth will ever be remembered with feelings of love and gratitude."

The meeting of the General Grand Chapter was certainly a pleasing event to the California Companions. M. E. General Grand High Priest, and quite

a number of distinguished Companions wrote the Grand High Priest thanking him and the Companions of California for the courtesies extended to them during their visit.

His closing is as follows:

"As the closing hour of my official term approaches, I surrender to you the authority with which you invested me a year ago. I believe no greater honor could be conferred on any man than to be called to preside over this Grand Body. Let us enter upon the legislative duties of this session and remember our obligations to those who have entrusted us with the advancement and development of the principles of our Order. May all our deliberations be guided by Him whose achievements will perpetuate those lofty ideals so sacredly invested in this great institution."

The Grand Secretary's report shows the receipts of the Grand Chapter to be fifteen thousand eighty and 66/100 dollars, and expenditures to be eighteen thousand nine hundred one and 23/100 dollars. The expenses of entertaining General Grand Chapter six thousand two hundred thirty-seven and 15/100 dollars. Pretty expensive.

He also reports the present membership to be thirteen thousand six hundred and eight, a net gain of one hundred and forty-two over one year ago. Not as great as it should be.

Activity in Masonry is shown by the report of the Grand Lecturer, he having made ninety-four visitations.

The Executive Committee on Arrangements for the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chap-

ter submitted their report. We give the closing paragraph:

"We are very proud to have met in fraternal communication many of the most eminent members of the two Orders of our grand country; Brethren and Companions, who, by their ardent zeal and genuine love for Masonry, their intellectual attainments and their personal exemplification of Masonic principles have made their name immortal upon the pages of Masonic history."

A number of Amendments to the Constitution were offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. As they read they seem to modernize Ancient Masonry.

"124. *Candidates, Qualifications, Physical, Residence, Form of Petition.* A candidate for the degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, of physical perfection sufficient to enable him to conform with the requirements of the several degrees, and must have resided within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, i. e., nearer thereto in an air line than to any other Chapter in this Jurisdiction, six months next preceding the date of his application, or proposition."

We are tenacious on the subject of Physical Perfection as defined by the Ancient landmarks, and believe it would be better if that standard was maintained throughout the Masonic World. Any departure from it will bring about the admission of physical imperfect. But to each Jurisdiction belongs the right to select their own members.

The Special Committee on George Washington Memorial Association made a report which we most heartily indorse. They contribute one hundred dollars, but stipulate that it is in no manner to be construed as a subscription to the stock or membership in the association.

They declined to recognize the Grand Chapter of Alberta on the ground that under their law they cannot recognize it until it is recognized by the bodies from which its constituent Chapters hold Charters.

A steel engraving of Grand High Priest M. E. Companian WILLIAM H. GAYNOR adorns the first page.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from one who never seems to grow old, being penned by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIS, and is able and interesting. We received favorable comment.

The officers elected were M. E. Companions CASIMIR JACKSON WOOD, Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIS, Grand Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

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## CANADA.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, February 23, 1916, in the city of Toronto, by WILLIAM S. R. MURCH, Grand Z. Four Grand Officers were absent.

The Committee on Credentials reported one hundred and nineteen Chapters out of one hundred and seventy-four were represented.

The M. E. the Grand Z. presented his address. It is very lengthy and deals largely with the affairs of his own jurisdiction. A considerable portion of it is devoted to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, giving fully the Grand Chapter of Canada's side of the question, which is interesting.

Under the head of *"The Last Post—Lights Out,"* he uses the following:

"No man who is fit to live need fear to die. Shakespeare has truly said: 'Be still prepared for death; and death or life shall thereby be the sweeter.' "

Then refers to the death of R. E. Companion AUBREY WHITE, Grand Third Principal. We quote a portion of his address:

"No more eloquent tribute could be paid to our departed friend and Companion than that offered by Venerable Archdeacon Cody at the Funeral Service. 'His family have lost a husband and a father who was the very essence of thoughtfulness and loving care; his friends, a comrade of rare geniality, humor, loyalty and unselfishness; the Masonic Order, an efficient, wise and dignified leader; the Province, an able, valued, and trusted public servant; the Church, a staunch, reverent and devoted member, and the community one of the finest types of Christian gentlemen. He leaves behind him a record of stainless honor, untiring benevolence and signal service to his Country.' His good works will undoubtedly follow him."

Death must come to all. None should fear it, but calmly and serenely await its approach, and as it approaches exclaim "Thy will be done."

A number of official visitations were made, one of them to Messena Chapter No. 300, Messena, New York. M. E. Grand High Priest Companion A. J. ADAMS was also a visitor. A large number of mem-

bers of Covenant Chapter, Cornwall, Ontario, were present. The true Masonic spirit was manifested. In all his visits he was most cordially received, he was greatly pleased with the harmony and true Masonic spirit which prevailed among the Companions.

He held eight Chapters of instruction and commends the work as exemplified.

For several years complaint has been made of the lack of uniformity in conferring the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree. He insists that there should be uniformity in the work, not only in this as well as the other Degrees of the Chapter. His insistance should be an imperative order that there should be uniformity, that the work should be done, as required by the Grand Chapter. The sooner this is done the better it will be for Capitular Masonry.

His reference to Alberta shows the true Masonic spirit. He regrets that harmony has not been fully restored, then reviews the situation giving voluminous correspondence. In conclusion he recommends Provincial Grand Chapters for the Western Provinces of Canada under the Grand Chapter of Canada, and urges the appointment of a committee to take the matter under consideration. The question, so far as the Province of Alberta is concerned, is amicably settled, and Alberta is now the youngest Grand Chapter.

We quote his concluding remarks:

"Companions, I cannot close this address without referring to the part our mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts are playing in these trying times. They are upholding the best traditions of British womanhood. Whether we look at that noble nurse dying in Belgium by the cruel hands of those we term the foe of our Empire, or the offering up of husbands, sons and brothers, those nearest and dearest to them, or the noble labor being done in connection with hospital work, we must admire their Spartan qualities. In every hamlet, village, town, and city, we find them knitting and laboring for the Red Cross Society and other noble objects. By their devotion to king and country they have won our admiration, as well as a glory for themselves that will not soon pass away. We ask, are they happy? No! they are not happy, but they are proud of what is being done by their husbands, sons and brothers in a noble cause. In our women we find:

'The uplifting faith of our greetings, bind the brotherhood from sea to sea.'"

Acting Grand Scribe E. reports the membership, December 31, 1915, to be nineteen thousand one hundred and seventy-nine (19,179), a net gain during the year of three hundred and forty-six (346), and the receipts during the year to be seven thousand six hundred twenty and 22/100 dollars ($7620.22). The Grand Treasurer's report shows the expenditures to have been twelve thousand three hundred forty-nine and 71/100 dollars ($12,349.71), and assets of Grand Chapter to be thirty-five thousand seven hundred forty-four and 81/100 dollars ($35,744.81).

We quote several paragraphs from the report of the "Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry":

"Royal Arch Masonry is not sentimental unity alone, but is the *activity* of closely united men, who ought to be master builders and bridge

builders constantly working on the edifices of their Chapters and adding thereto the many Master Masons to whom this Supreme degree of excellency should not be a thing apart, but the last of the degrees of ancient Craft Masonry, a fulfilment of a promise—the real for the substituted, not a story half told, but the fullness of Masonic Light. Invite them to come and share an angle of our triangle—a touch with our centre. Let it be said of us: 'We drew a circle that took them in,' the motto of 'The Builder,' the great encourager of research and progress.''

Would that every Royal Arch Mason in our Jurisdiction could read the above. It breathes the true spirit of Masonry and carrying out its provisions would add greatly to our membership and increase our devotion to Capitular Masonry.

''The Royal Arch has a new significance in these times of jeopardy and not inglorious peril. We must be more than ever faithful to the charge to be prudent, discreet and temperate, more than ever must there be constancy and sincerity in our friendships, but we must also remember that while there is a sceptre there is also a sword, the sword of the spirit, the sword of justice—that while there is the blue canopy, the life blood now is purple irradiated with crimson, and that morality and virtue have been cemented by the keystone of *firmness and stability.*''

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are voluminous and review the conditions of Capitular Masonry in their districts with great care. They show that in most Chapters harmony and prosperity prevail.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Companion Edward B. Brown, who styles himself as "undistinguished member" of the Grand Chapter. He certainly fits the position. We congratulate him on his maiden effort. Pennsylvania is favorably reviewed.

An engraving of M. E. Companion WILLIAM S. R. MURCH is on the first page.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM S. R. MURCH was re-elected Grand Z., and Companion HENRY T. SMITH was elected the Grand Scribe E.

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## COLORADO.

The proceedings show that since our last report two meetings of M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter were held. A Special Convocation was held in the Masonic Hall in Rifle, Colorado, on Friday, October 29, 1915, for the purpose of constituting and installing the officers of Rifle Chapter No. 48. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest, assisted by Grand Officers, when the new Chapter was constituted, dedicated and the officers installed.

Eloquent addresses were made by the Grand High Priest and other officers. The new Chapter starts under more than favorable auspices.

Grand Chapter closed in *Ample Form.*

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, Denver, Colorado, on Thursday, September 21st, at ten o'clock A. M.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers were present, a large number of Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of forty-five of the forty-seven subordinate Chapters. An unusual condition.

In the roll of Grand Representatives we find the name of our Representative. They are welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest's address is, as he says, an account of his doings. In giving his experience he uses the following:

"It has been a delightful experience to one who has mingled devotedly with the crippled and sick during the active period of his life. In making my visitations over the State I have traveled more than 5000 miles. I have gained a knowledge of the physical conditions of the State and its wide-awake citizens that I never had before.

"The grandeur of our mountain scenery; the immensity of our peaks, wearing their eternal caps of snow; the beauty of the interlacing valleys with their flowing streams and picturesque lakes, bring us very near to the 'Great Architect' and inspire our hearts to seek 'Truth.'"

Five Dispensations were granted and one refused, it being an application to hold a meeting of a Chapter at a place other than that named in the warrant He holds that no power except that which created the Chapter can make the change. He certainly was correct as a migratory Chapter would be an anomaly.

He accomplished more than is to be expected of a Grand High Priest. He visited every Chapter in the State. We give his idea of the work done:

"I have visited every Chapter in the State and have enjoyed the work immensely. On my election I was told it could not be done. I have done the work and feel that I have profited thereby. Whether the profit to the Chapters has been appreciable, they will have to testify. In many places work was put on during the evening. I have to report that it has always been done nicely, quietly and impressively. I am glad to report that the work in the Chapter Degrees is characterized by an earnestness and dignity that befits the sublime and beautiful lessons they inculcate."

It is not likely that such a report will be made by a Grand High Priest in many years to come.

Under the head of "Condition of the Order in the State" he gives the membership, July 31, 1916, "Five thousand seven hundred and forty-two (5742), about thirty-two per cent. of the Blue Lodge members of the State. Their net gain for the year was 208 members. This is a good gain, but it ought to have been more." With us the percentage is but little larger. It should not be so, the Royal Arch Mason Degree makes Symbolic Masonry complete.

There is little prospect of the percentage increasing owing to the great efforts which are being made by another organization to secure members.

We quote his reference to Capitular Masonry:

"Capitular Masons are at peace among themselves throughout the length and breadth of our land. No dissensions mar the harmony in our ranks. We understand the late unpleasantness between the two Grand bodies in the Dominion of Canada has been amicably adjusted. Although the General Grand Chapter and several of the States have suspended Masonic greetings and relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, we continue to recognize them. It is a question whether we should continue to do so. Our relations with them are rather distant, and it would not materially benefit us or harm them to sever our relations with them. To do so would give our support to the actions of the General Grand Chap-

ter. We would recommend action be taken sustaining our own General Grand Chapter. We lament the awful carnage that is going on in foreign countries and stand aghast with horror and sympathy for our Masonic Brethren engaged in the gigantic conflict. We realize that Masons, in the ranks, are fighting on account of their patriotism and the preservance of the integrity of their countries. When the conflict is over and settlement is made, it will be founded on the teachings of 'TRUTH,' if not, there will be no solidity and endurance in the adjustment. May the Great Architect hasten the day of the coming of peace.''

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance on hand of five thousand two hundred ninety-seven and 7/100 dollars ($5297.07). Total assets of fifteen thousand seven hundred ninety-seven and 7/100 dollars ($15,797.07).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the total receipts of the Grand Chapter to be five thousand four hundred sixty-six and 30/100 dollars ($5466.30), and the disbursements to be four thousand seven hundred forty-nine and 55/100 dollars ($4749.55).

The Committee on Correspondence reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and interchange of Grand Representatives. They also recommended the approval of the action of the General Grand Chapter in severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. The report was approved.

The newly elected Grand High Priest was installed and delivered an able and appropriate address which should be read by every Capitular Mason. To aid in so doing we quote:

"M. E. Companion James R. Killian: Companions, I desire to express measurably only as I can something of the gratitude that wells from the depths of my heart for the generosity which you have shown me. It has been more than generosity; it has been kindness. You have been more than kind to me; indeed, you have manifested to me from year to year loving kindness, and today, occupying this exalted station, the highest within your gift and within this division of Masonic activities, I feel the responsibility of meeting and discharging the duties that are before me, but I go to them with the purpose of doing as my predecessors have done, the very best that I can. I want to assure you that during the year that is before me Capitular Masonry within our borders will receive my first and best attention. We have great possibilities here in Colorado. This is true in every relation of life; every prospect pleases and none more so in the line of Masonic activities than the immediate future that lies before this division of Masonry. I was talking with Brother Sands today—he is something of a statistician—he has statistics of the growth, of the rise and fall, if you please, of Capitular Masonry in Colorado, and he tells me we are not making quite the progress that we made in former years. That is, relatively; we are making progress, but not at the same ratio as in former years as compared with the Blue Lodge growth. He tells me, in one period a few years since, we had in Colorado, within our Chapters, thirty-eight per cent. of the membership of the Blue Lodges. Today we have thirty-two per cent. Those figures are relative, but they indicate what is going on and they indicate a condition, we think, that may be improved. We had a substantial growth during the past year—two hundred and eight, I believe, net growth—I am sure that this division of Masonry has not received greater attention at any time than it has during the past year from the chief officer; yet I believe it is within the possibilities for us to increase the growth during the coming year. To be sure, it will require of our time and attention, but if you each return to your respective homes and go earnestly into the Chapter work for the season, I am sure that the membership can be increased proportionately with the membership of the Blue Lodge that has, perhaps, enhanced somewhat.

"A conception of this organization comes before my mind; yet it is not wholly clear, and I could not undertake to communicate it to you in a readily gathered up speech, but it may be stated that we in this Grand Jurisdiction are as one of the Princes of the Household of the Faithful. This Prince comes bearing a breastplate of righteousness and in that breastplate are encrusted jewels of many colors. Those jewels catch up and reflect the light, that light that falls from the stars of hope that deck the canopy of a Mason's heaven. This Prince is sandaled with peace, and while he comes with stately and princely tread, he does not trample upon any flower of innocence, nor does he uproot any vine of humility, but he comes

grasping near his heart the sheaves of truth that have been garnered from the sowing of the fathers. Should he not be a welcome prince everywhere and we, as Royal Arch Masons, are glad to know and realize that he is hailed and welcomed everywhere at home, throughout the length and breadth of our beloved land.''

We believe that the number of Capitular Masons can be largely increased if proper efforts are made. Every member should work to that end.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again presented by that veteran M. E. Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster. It compares favorably with any of his preceding reports. We are accorded a four-page review.

He is pleased with the nice things we say about Colorado. We have never been in Ireland, consequently have not had the opportunity of kissing the Blarney stone. We speak what we believe to be correct.

An engraving of the handsome Grand High Priest M. E. Companion James Rumney Killian greets you at opening the proceedings.

M. E. Companion James Rumney Killian was elected Grand High Priest and Companion Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

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## CONNECTICUT.

M. E. Companion Harry S. Pearsons opened the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut at the Masonic Temple in the city of Hartford, on Tuesday, May 9, 1916, at ten o'clock A. M., but one Grand Officer was absent. Forty Chapters were represented.

A number of distinguished visitors were present, M. E. Companion Jared A. Reed, Grand High Priest of New York, accompanied by a number of Grand Officers; M. E. Companion Frederick Leonard, Grand High Priest, Rhode Island, accompanied by the Deputy High Priest and Grand Scribe, and R. E. Companion William Herbert Lowe, Grand King of New Jersey. They were introduced, received with Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Responses were made.

The Grand High Priest read his address. It is virtually an address to his own Jurisdiction.

Three decisions were made, all of which are good law in Connecticut and should be elsewhere. From the decisions we learn that no Royal Arch Mason in Connecticut of thirty years good and regular standing shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues.

But one Dispensation was granted, authorizing the balloting on candidates at a special meeting. The

Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the Dispensation be not approved.

He praises the California Companions for their unbounded hospitality and fraternal feeling. He also quotes in full the Resolution of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the General Grand Chapter in reference to the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

"Referring to long drawn out controversy with the Grand Chapter of Scotland over the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States in the Philippine Islands, and inasmuch as the Grand Chapter of Scotland has invaded our jurisdiction, and for years has refused to make just reparation in the premises, and its officers question our authority in the premises, we recommend that all fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland be severed and recognition of said body be refused until such time as they recognize the jurisdiction of this General Grand Body over the territory in question, and also take proper steps to rectify the wrong they have done in invading our territory."

He made nine visitations and compliments the Chapters on their desire to do good work and confer degrees in strict accordance with the ritual.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe made reports of their visitations. All Chapters are in good condition and the work well done.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of four thousand seven hundred sixty-six and 35/100 dollars ($4766.35).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be nine thousand seven hundred and

seventy-six (9776), an increase over last year of two hundred and ninety-seven (297). Exalted during the year four hundred and seventy-seven (477).

The following Preamble and Resolution in reference to the Grand Chapter of Scotland were adopted:

"*Whereas,* The Grand Chapter of Scotland has established a Chapter in the Philippine Islands, thereby invading the jurisdiction of territory which is rightfully American, therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That we emphatically condemn such action as contrary to Masonic propriety and equity, and

"*Resolved,* That we hereby sever fraternal relations with said Grand Chapter of Scotland, and forbid all Capitular Masonic intercourse with Chapters and Companions under its obedience."

Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES presented his Eighth Annual Review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. It is an able report. He gives us a courteous review. He is not satisfied with our reason for declining to recognize the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The reason assigned by the committee was sufficient for us, hence not necessary to give other reasons.

Commenting on Companion JOHN M. CORE'S views that all who petition for what is known as the Scottish Rite Degrees, should have received, at least, the Capitular Degrees. He says:

"In Connecticut it has from time immemorial been an unwritten law, enforced through the ballot, that every petitioner for the Perfection degrees must be a K. T. This has caused complaint among some of the Hebrew Masons, but why, we cannot fathom. How a consistent Jew could take the 18th degree puzzles us."

We were never able to understand how a Hebrew could take the Eighteenth Degree. He must in the end prove false to his Church or the Scottish Rite. We believe he will adhere to his Church. We do not regard it as a wise policy to ask a Hebrew to join the Scottish Rite. While the Hebrews are devoted Masons, to be consistent they can not join the Scottish Rite.

An engraving of M. E. Companion HARRY S. PEARSONS is found with the proceedings.

M. E. Companion BURTON TUTTLE was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JAMES MCCORMICK re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## DELAWARE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware held their Forty-eighth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Wilmington, on January 19, 1916.

M. E. Companion ASA BENNETT opened Grand Chapter in *Full and Ample Form* at four o'clock P. M. All Grand Officers were present, also representatives from the four Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of a number of distinguished visitors: M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, General Grand High Priest of

the General Grand Chapter; LEM TOWERS, JR., Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia; HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON, General Grand Master Third Vail, and WILLARD T. FINLEY, Grand Representative. They were received with Grand Honors. The Grand High Priest welcomed the General Grand High Priest, to which he responded with a brief address.

The address of the Grand High Priest extends a welcome to members of Grand Chapter, then reviews the year's work. We quote from his introduction:

"Each of us, in America, has a great work to do, and the manner in which we accomplish our mission will effect the ultimate result. Since we have felt the effect of the destructive power of Europe we will also be a part of the reconstruction.

"Each of us here today holds a commanding position in our respective communities and our influence will be felt by those with whom we come in contact. One's actions are more contagious than the most deadly diseases, for an epidemic can be stamped out while the remembrance of our lives, be it good or bad, will continue long after we have answered the call to our future homes.

"Therefore, Companions, let us leave here more determined than ever, to live at all times to promote the best interests of our fellow men."

He attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at San Francisco. He also was delighted with his visit and doings of the General Grand Chapter.

No questions were asked, consequently no decisions were necessary. But one Dispensation was issued, that in response to a telephone communication. What uses are made of the telephone! Think all

applications should be made in writing, then there would be a record of them.

He visited the four Chapters of the Jurisdiction, found peace and harmony prevailing and the work well done.

He made several recommendations, some of which appear to be right and proper. They were not approved by the committee to whom the Grand High Priest's address was referred. Grand Chapter approved the committee's report.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the amount in his hands to be six hundred forty-three and 94/100 dollars ($643.94).

The Grand Secretary's report shows a balance in his hands eight hundred and 75/100 dollars ($800.-75). Centennial Fund three hundred ninety-eight and 52/100 dollars ($398.52). Also the present membership to be twelve hundred and twenty-two (1222), a gain of fifty-three (53) during the year.

The death of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Virginius V. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for many years, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware in 1894, and Grand Secretary from 1907 to the time of his death, December 28, 1915, Grand High Priest 1896-97. He was a man or more than ordi-

nary ability, and contributed largely to the prosperity of Free Masonry in Delaware. His death was a great loss to Free Masonry.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion J. Grant Wilkins and Elwood H. Brown. It is well prepared. There is no report on a number of Jurisdictions (ours among them). They, however, promise to review the proceedings of 1916 and those of 1915 which were omitted in 1915, in their next report.

Facing the first page is an engraving of M. E. Companion Asa Bennett, retiring Grand High Priest.

The officers for this year are M. E. Companion John W. Macklem, Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion Stuart J. Horn re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

M. E. Companion Lem Towers, Jr., opened the Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia in the Masonic Temple, on February 9, 1916, at seven o'clock P. M., with every Grand Officer in his station or place. It is certainly a satisfaction to have it thus. Twelve Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of all the Chapters of the Jurisdiction were present.

A number of distinguished visitors were introduced and fraternally greeted by the Grand High Priest, among them being two Past Grand High Priests of Nebraska and a Past Grand High Priest of Ohio.

The crowning event of the evening was when M. E. Companion GEORGE EDGAR CORSON, General Grand High Priest, was announced. He was escorted into the Grand Chapter by a Committee of Past Grand High Priests, accorded the Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. He assumed the gavel and addressed Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest read his address. He follows the custom of all Grand High Priests, recounting his actions as Grand High Priest.

Two Dispensations were granted, one of which was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, the other, where the Grand High Priest set aside a provision of the Constitution, was disapproved. Their report gives their reason.

"As to the dispensation to Hiram Chapter 'to waive the provision of the second paragraph of Section 97 of the Constitution and confer the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch at a special convocation upon a candidate who had not received the Most Excellent Master's degree because of absence from the jurisdiction, and whose advancement was necessary to make a trio for the Royal Arch degree,' your committee call attention to the fact that such action was in direct contravention of said section, which provides that 'no two degrees shall be conferred upon any candidate at the same convocation unless one of the degrees conferred be that of Past Master.' In our opinion this places it out of the power of the Grand High Priest to waive, or authorize Hiram Chapter to waive, so ex-

plicit a prohibition, there being only one way to effect that purpose, namely, by amendment of the Constitution as provided in Section 134.

"We are sure, and believe no one will doubt, that the Grand High Priest was prompted by the worthiest motives, but, in order that his action shall not be relied upon as a precedent, we recommend that the Grand Chapter disapprove the same."

It has always seemed to the writer, that the Constitution was above any officer of the Grand Chapter, and could not be altered or set aside except by the power which created it, namely, the Grand Chapter. While the Grand High Priest may have certain prerogatives outside the Constitution, the above case is not one of them. The Grand Chapter adopted the report.

He regrets the decrease of membership in the Chapters of the District, the same condition existed last year. While the condition is to be deplored, we can see no remedy but to educate the Master Mason so he will seek the Royal Arch Degree. We quote from his address where he speaks of the report on membership:

"I cannot see anything really discouraging in these reports. There are many reasons for the loss in membership, and while that loss is to be regretted, I feel confident that from the renewed interest in the work displayed in all the Chapters since the beginning of January, the year 1916 will show a large increase in our numbers and a corresponding increase in the interest taken in Capitular Masonry.

"In this connection, and in order to help along the good work, I recommend the purchase and distribution of one thousand copies of a pamphlet by Past Grand High Priest and General Grand King William F. Kuhn, of Missouri, entitled 'For the Information of Master Masons.' This is intended for the benefit of Master Masons, recommending to them the necessity of the Royal Arch degree in their Masonic education."

He described very fully "General Grand Chapter and Thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation." We have no doubt the reception and treatment of the Representatives of the General Grand Chapter, by their California Companions was all that could be desired, and it is not likely to be forgotten. His presentation of the claims of the District of Columbia for the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter captured the membership, so that they unanimously agreed upon Washington. Rightly so, as it is the home of the General Grand High Priest.

Grand visitations were made to all subordinate Chapters. He also made informal visits to all Chapters, some of them several times. The work is in strict accord with the ritual and that good fellowship prevail.

He accompanied the General Grand High Priest on his official visits to the Grand Chapters of Maryland and Delaware.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the receipts of the Grand Chapter to be five thousand three hundred five and 23/100 dollars ($5305.23), with the balance on hand last year makes the amount to be accounted for nine thousand seven hundred five and 84/100 dollars ($9705.84). Expenditures six thousand forty-one and 34/100 dollars ($6041.34).

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer reports that the work has been done in an impressive manner and in accordance with the Ritual. The attendance small.

The Committee on Entertainment of the General Grand Chapter recommend an assessment of two dollars upon each member, which, if carried out, will amount to over seven thousand dollars.

An Amendment was prepared, authorizing the Grand High Priest to fix the hour of meeting of Grand Chapter. Dangerous experiment. Better let Grand Chapter name the hour.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is again prepared by Companion Roe Fullkerson. As usual, it is able and entertaining. He reviews forty-eight Grand bodies, some of them for two years, and "a miscellaneous lot of pamphlets and books from the other side of the water." Have read his report with more than ordinary care. There are portions of it which should be given to the Masonic world. His defense of the Shrine under New Jersey should be read by every thinking man and especially the clergy.

We do not belong to the Shrine. However, have nothing but kindly words for it. Am a little afraid it has attractions which draw the Mason from his Lodge and Chapter. We give the greater portion of his report on New Jersey:

"Companion Henry S. Haines has the correspondence report again, and his signature is like the 'sterling' mark on silver or the three stars which ornament the neck of a Hennessy bottle, a guaranty of the high character of the product. We like Henry well enough, but deplore his weakness and lack of logic. We agree with him entirely in his praise of Past Grand High Priest Pettus and can see no reason to question his judgment, even when he lauds this committee, but we are inclined to believe there was never a happy Shriner as thoughtless as Henry himself is when he fails to see the good of that organization. We believe that Henry is interested in a church some place. We are president of a Bible class ourself and we know the working of the church, its failures and its successes, and want to take him away from Masonry a moment to call his attention to some of the modern tendencies in church work.

"In the Sunday schools these days and in the churches they are erecting gymnasiums to attract the boys from the neighboring groggeries and pool rooms, and are succeeding. Here in the District we have a Sunday school league of ball-players in the summer and a bowling league in the winter. We have lecture courses and we have picture shows. We have in some cases electric signs on the churches inviting people to come in, and we have suppers and jollifications of every sort to attract people and show them God is a deity who smiles, and not a frowning demon who sits with a handful of hellfire ready to dash into the face of every man who grins or wears a red necktie.

"The results have justified the work. Men by thousands are coming back to the church, back to their God, back to the higher and better life, because these things are being used to bring them back under the influence of the church. Men can never be taught religion if they are never in the sight, sound or influence of the church.

"The church is finding out the great truth that men learn when they laugh, for they see but little when their eyes are full of tears. Those days when men would sit through a two-hour sermon have been relegated to where they belong. God is good, not bad—forgiving, not revengeful—joyous, not sorrowful.

"Now the wise men who built this great institution of Masonry knew that while there were some men who would be attracted to the great solemn truths of Masonry and would stand by them no matter how serious or how wretchedly done the ritual was, yet there were other men who could not be held in this way. There were many men unsatisfied with the incompleteness of the three degrees, and to round out the work the four Chapter degrees were evolved. There were other swashbucklers who like the military features of life, and so the degrees of Christian Knighthood went in for their sake. Also there were men with deep-thinking minds, men who wanted to delve far into the philosophy

and symbolism of Masonry, and for them the great Pike worked. To all of these add the happy fellows who were just glad they were alive, who wanted just to slap a brother on the back if he was happy and slip him a dollar if he was down on his luck and tell him to cheer up, that 'there ain't no hell,' and for these men Billy Florence and his co-workers evolved the Shrine.

"We believe with Pope that

> In spite of pride, in erring reason's spite
> One truth is clear, *whatever is, is right.*

"We believe the good survives and the bad perishes. We believe that every one of these organizations has a tendency to attract toward Masonry and its great principle of brotherhood all types of men, and accent the well-established theory of its universality. We have been active in all these branches, and if any Mason can invent another, count on our petition as a charter member, but bear in mind that we yield not one iota to *any* organization as a feeder to, a helper of, or a part and parcel of Masonry when it is compared with the Shrine, and we honestly believe that thousands of good and worthy Chapter Masons are in the organization today because it was a part of the great Masonic route to the Shrine. We think that when they saw these degrees, realized their beauties, and felt their impressions, they were made good and worthy companions. Companions, let us not bite the hand that feeds us. Let us not ignore the influence of this organization. We believe in it, and we are always glad to get right up on our hind legs and bellow it out in any company at any time.

"We honestly believe and practice that the heads of Chapter Masonry everywhere should boost and not knock this organization, which has ably helped to swell our membership in the past, and we think that the companion who flouts and criticises the Shrine is pulling shingles off his own roof. If there be evils in his own Shrine let him better get to work and by his vote on the floor better it, and by his ballot at election put men at the head of his local Temple who will correct those evils.

"So much for that, Henry. Lord love you, we like you so well we want you to see the error of your own way, and if things are not going to suit you in your Temple—is it Crescent?—we want you to head a little band of heroes who will reform it.

We are accorded a kindly review. He cannot agree with Pennsylvania's idea of residence. We appreciate their position. Washington has a large

office holding population. A large majority of whom are assessed, pay their taxes and vote in the State from which they come. Both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in our Jurisdiction claim that under such conditions the legal and Masonic residence is where they vote.

Engravings of Grand High Priest Companion LEM TOWERS, JR., and Past Grand High Priest Companion MATTHEW TRIMBLE adorn the proceedings.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM C. FOWLER was elected Grand High Priest and Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSON re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

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## ENGLAND.

The Proceedings of the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, held Wednesday, February 2, 1916, is all that has reached the Committee.

The Quarterly Convocation above named was opened in *Ancient and Solemn Form* at the Free-Masons' Hall, London, by M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, P. C. M. A. Second Grand Principal, acting as First Grand Principal. A large number of Grand Officers were in attendance.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The General Director of Ceremonies, E. Companion J. S. Granville Grenfell, M. A., announced the presence of E. Companion Lord Gorell, who had been elected Grand Scribe N. while absent with the army in France, consequently was not invested. He accordingly advanced to the Throne and was duly invested.

The report of the Committee on General Purposes was presented by E. Companion R. Horton Horton Smith, K. C. President of the Board. It was ordered received and entered on the minutes. The several provisions of the report were afterwards adopted. The report contained only routine business, except an Amendment to Rule 73, Royal Arch Regulations, as follows:

"The Committee further recommend that Rule 73, Royal Arch Regulations, be amended to the extent of allowing a District Grand Scribe E. to inspect the certificates of Brethren and Companions being candidates for exaltation in or joining District Chapters from Lodges or Chapters under the Irish or Scottish Constitution, and a motion to this effect will be submitted."

This will do away with the necessity of sending certificates to England for inspection, thus saving much time.

A most cordial welcome was extended to E. Companion Lord Gorell, Grand Scribe N., to which he replied in a fitting and able manner, thanking Grand Chapter for the many courtesies extended.

Grand Chapter closed in *Ancient and Solemn Form*. After closing they sang the first verse of the National Anthem.

W. B. M.

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## ENGLAND AND WALES.

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, were held August 31, and November 30, 1915, February 29 and June 6, 1916, at the Mark Master Masons' Hall, London.

At each Communication R. W. R. Loveland Loveland, K. C. Deputy Grand Master presided, or, in their language "On the Throne." The officers present take up two pages of the printed proceedings.

At the Quarterly Communication held August 31, 1915, the report of the General Board was presented and adopted. As usual, the Board prepared almost everything that was to come before Grand Lodge. This time the report contains some important matters. We learn that the Fund of Benevolence was enriched in the sum of £3065 11*s*. 4*d*. by the proceeds of the Forty-seventh Annual Festival, held the 14th of July, 1915, under the Chairmanship of V. W. Brother Thomas Henry Gardiner, P. V. Or.

Recommendations were made changing the present administration and organization of the Fund of

Benevolence, thereby increasing its usefulness, through the generosity of the Mark Master Masons, in supporting the Fund. They also propose the disposition of its benefits as follows:

"The Board feels that increased benefits might be distributed, particularly in the following ways:

"(1) by an increase in the amounts allowed for Benevolent Grants and Annuities;

"(2) by Grants for Higher Education and for the advancement in life, after leaving school, of boys and girls who show special ability and merit;

"(3) by Renewable Annual Grants to children under the age of seven through the parents or guardians."

It is divided as follows: Educational Branch, Annuity Branch and Benevolent Branch. They also recommend that grants, under certain conditions, be made to children under eight years of age.

Under the Benevolent Fund £400 was expended.

An illuminated Address of Thanks, signed by all the Stewards of the Mark Benevolent Fund, was handed Brother THOMAS HENRY GARDINER, President.

At the Quarterly Communication held Tuesday, November 30, 1915, His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, was again nominated as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, and W. Brother ROWLAND GEORGE VENABLES as Grand Treasurer. The report of the General Board was presented and adopted, as was also the Special Report of the General Board, in reference to the rules relating to the Fund of Benevolence.

At the Quarterly Communication held Tuesday, February 29, 1916, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was elected and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master and W. Brother Rowland George Venables elected Grand Treasurer.

The usual report of the General Board was presented and adopted. Two Lodges were removed from the Roll of Lodges. One of them had been in abeyance thirty-six years. Better have acted sooner.

At the Quarterly Communication held Tuesday, June 6, 1916, the report of the General Board was received, entered on the minutes and adopted.

The amount disbursed by the Benevolent Fund during the year was £815.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was installed and proclaimed. It took six months from the time of nomination until he was finally installed. Too much time.

The Earl of Stradbroke was re-appointed Pro Grand Master and proclaimed.

R. W. R. Loveland Loveland, Deputy Grand Master, announced his re-appointment as Deputy Grand Master, when he was proclaimed as such. Then followed the announcement of the appointment of the other officers for the year.

Neither the Grand Master or Pro Grand Master were present during the year, hence their duties fall upon the Deputy Grand Master, who discharges them creditably and apparently to the satisfaction of all.

We take it for granted that Royalty must head the Grand Lodge. It does seem that advancement on the part of the officers would arouse more interest.

W. B. M.

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## FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventieth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville, at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday May 16, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446.

After the opening of Grand Chapter, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILL C. ANDRESS, presented his Annual Address. He mentions the death of two of our beloved Companions, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, and STOCKTON BATES, M. E. Grand Secretary. He granted a Dispensation to a Chapter to hold a joint installation with a Lodge and another to hold an election to fill the office of High Priest, made vacant by death.

He reports one new Chapter constituted, but was unable to attend and asked the Grand Master of the Second Vail to act as his deputy. He also writes: "I

made no official visitations owing to business," but reported attending the General Grand Chapter held in San Francisco, California.

The Grand King was also prevented from making any official visits, but the Grand Scribe did considerable visiting and makes an interesting report.

The Grand Chapter has a comfortable balance of $9663.46, $2500 of which is invested in Grand Lodge securities.

Grand Chapter was in session for two days, and during that time each of the degrees was exemplified by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

This regulation as to dimits is certainly very just:

"A member paying his dues in full and applying for a dimit prior to December 27th, is not chargeable with dues for the following year for want of action by the Chapter as action thereon should have been taken on, or before, December 27th."

The following Amendment to the Constitution was presented:

"That the fees and dues of ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in ministerial work may be remitted by the Chapters."

No review of proceedings of other Grand Chapters is made.

WILLIAM R. O'NEAL, Grand High Priest, Orlando.

WILBUR P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

A. G. C. S.

## GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia met in the Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation, in the Convention Hall of Hotel Dempsey in the city of Macon, at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 26, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446, and was opened in *Ample Form,* and with Prayer by the Rev. W. A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain.

M. E. Companion H. Warner Hill made an elaborate address, reciting his doings for the year. It covers twenty-five pages of the Annual Proceedings. He regrets that his official position in the State (being a Judge) prevented him from making the visits that he desired. He reports having made only one official visit to a subordinate Chapter.

He attended the General Chapter and gives a glowing account of his trip to the Pacific Coast.

He reports eight decisions for the year, three of which we copy because of their general interest:

"1. *Question*: 'About seven years ago . . . a Master Mason duly qualified and being within the Jurisdiction of . . . Chapter made application to and was elected to receive the degrees in the same and upon due notice he appeared to receive said degrees upon three separate and distinct times, and this Chapter was not able on either Convocation to give him the degrees on account of the non-attendance of its members, and said (applicant) did not again present himself for the degrees. Later still, while in the railroad service, he lost his foot between the ankle and knee. Now, can he petition this Chapter under the above circumstances and receive the degrees?'

"*Decision*: The candidate under such circumstances cannot receive the Chapter degrees. Article 118 of the Masonic Code of 1914 declares: 'A candidate's eligibility is to be determined by his condition at the

time he applies for the degrees, and at the time of conferring the same. If, after taking some of the degrees, he becomes ineligible, he is debarred from taking the remainder.' This provision of our law is so plain that it requires no elaboration. The Chapter was not as diligent when the candidate was eligible as it might have been, but the law is plain in such a case as that presented.

"3. 'Some time back this Chapter granted life membership to a Brother (Companion) which would of course make him exempt from dues. Now, at a meeting some days ago the question arose whether or not we could withdraw this life membership. Can we?'

"I think such action could be taken, but it should be exercised with *great caution,* and *only* for *good cause.* The power which gave could take away, provided it was voluntarily granted, and without valuable consideration. (Since rendering the above opinion, I think the last clause should be stricken; the general rule of law being that a voluntary gift, after due acceptance, is irrevocable.—G. H. P.)

"4. 'Advise if it is required that a Brother affiliating from another Lodge (Chapter?) should record his "Mark" in our book for this purpose?'

"I know of no law or precedent *requiring* it, but even if there is none, it should be recorded in the book of the Chapter with which the Companion is affiliated.

"5. 'Two young Brethren applying two months ago for the Chapter degrees were rejected. There was one black-ball in each case, and of course the second ballot was taken, the black-ball persisting. I announced their rejection. . . . I left about three weeks ago for ———, and during my absence a regular Convocation was held, at which action of the session above referred to was reversed, rescinded, and the Brethren were elected to receive the Capitular degrees. What is the right course to pursue?'

"Article 126 of the Masonic Code is as follows: 'An applicant who has been rejected in any Chapter shall not be eligible to receive the degrees until after twelve months from said rejection, and then only upon new application and by unanimous ballot.' It will thus be seen that the second ballot, and so-called election, was illegal, and the High Priest was clearly within the law when he declined to confer the degrees."

Grand High Priest HILL reports forty-three Dispensations granted, a large number of which permit Chapters "to receive applications for membership, ballot on same, and confer the degrees at one Convo-

cation" and "to hold election for officers and to install same out of time." We fear this is an abuse of the privilege and authority vested in the Grand High Priest.

In his report on Necrology he notes the deaths of our greatly esteemed M. E. Companions GEORGE WASHINGTON KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, and STOCKTON BATES, Grand Secretary.

As did his predecessors, M. E. Companion HILL commends the work of the Grand Lecturer, Companion E. A. MCHAN, and urges an increase of his salary to make it commensurate with the service he is rendering to Capitular Masonry. This is a substantial way to recognize a Companion's worth.

Under the heading "Masonry in General," he writes a most interesting address of five pages. Space will permit us to give only the following brief excerpts:

"If we seek for the foundation stones upon which this great edifice is erected, we will discover that this—one among the oldest institutions of the universe—has as its everlasting base that which has caused it to withstand the ravages of the centuries, and makes it today, as it was thousands of years ago, a virile and active power, to wit: 'The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.' And this is based on the one simple word, 'Love.' Love of God and of man. To my mind the following is one of the prettiest gems in all literature, and its subject has the greatest influence on the world; and consequently on Masonry."

He then quotes the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, so familiar to all Capitular Masons:

"On the other hand, 'how beautiful it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.' If Masonry stands for anything, it is for fraternal love and good fellowship; for the observance of law and order in organized society; for honesty and square dealing between man and man; for charity of thought, charity in speech, and charity in deed towards all men."

From the report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address we quote the following paragraph:

"We feel that his address will prove an inspiration to all who heard it, its lofty sentiments tending to lift us all onwards and upwards, and is such as to cause us to have a better appreciation of the noble attributes of character possessed by our Companions and at the same time to exercise that due charity of thought, word and action when viewing their errors and to remember that perfection on earth has never yet been attained."

During the second day's session the proceedings show the following "Bargain Rates": "Complaint was made against the following Chapters for conferring the degrees below the constitutional price": One Chapter was reported as conferring the degrees for $3.00 down and $7.00 during the year, and $2.00 a year for five years. A committee was appointed to investigate.

The Finance Committee finds a balance of $10,576.68, and among its estimates for expenses for the coming year recommends $300 for maintenance of automobile at Masonic Home which item rather appeals to us as a pleasing thing to do.

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"*Whereas,* It is to the interests of the Craft that all applicants should be thoroughly familiar with the work and thereby be the better enabled to be Masonically efficient; therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That applicants for the Chapter Degrees be required to pass an examination in the Master Degree to the satisfaction of the Chapter."

During the year the Grand Chapter lost its Grand Secretary by death. Companion WILLIAM A. WOLLHIN was summoned by the Death Angel on February 9, 1916. He was Assistant Grand Secretary under his father, who was Grand Secretary until 1897, when his father died. He was then appointed Grand Secretary, elected and re-elected until his death in February.

We can appreciate the loss since we have sustained a similar one a month later.

By the way, we would suggest that you revise your list of Grand Secretaries at least as to Pennsylvania, as found on page 104, Proceedings of 1916.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again presented by Companion CHARLES L. BASS. He writes an interesting review of the several proceedings. He gives a brief summary of the doings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and quotes pleasingly from our last report.

He has assembled over seven pages of decisions taken from the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters. We quote those relating to "Qualifications," to show the variety of practices in the several Grand Jurisdictions:

"A Brother of good moral character, injured so that he uses crutches, is eligible for the degrees.—Arkansas, 1914.

"A Brother not capable of satisfactorily demonstrating the physical requirements of the Blue Lodge is not eligible for the Capitular Degrees.—Connecticut, 1915.

"A Master Mason in good standing, who has lost a leg since becoming a Master Mason, is not eligible to receive the Chapter Degrees.—Florida, 1915.

"The loss of a little finger, two joints of middle finger, and part of index finger on left hand, would not bar a Brother from taking Chapter Degrees.—Georgia, 1915.

"The above is changed under the new law not in force when decision was made.—Committee on Jurisprudence, Georgia, 1915.

"No Companion can be admitted to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction, who is blind, deformed, maimed, or imperfect in his limbs.—Georgia, 1915.

"A Master Mason who has lost his leg below the knee is eligible for the Capitular Degrees.—Illinois, 1914.

"A Brother with leg amputated between the knee and ankle, although using an artificial limb, is ineligible for the degrees.—Iowa, 1914.

"The Capitular Degrees may be conferred on any one who can, by the aid of physical appliances, conform to the necessary ceremonies, provided he is supplied with such before the conferring of any of the degrees.—Missouri, 1915.

"The physical qualification of a Brother for the degrees who has lost the fingers of the right hand, including the thumb, is a matter for the Chapter to determine.—Montana, 1913.

"A candidate must be so far free from physical defects as to be able to conform literally to the work of the several degrees, and this must be decided by the High Priest and Chapter if a petition is presented by one having physical defects, but supplemented by mechanical appliances.—New York, 1915."

J. F. Bell, Grand High Priest, Milledgeville.

E. A. McHan, Grand Secretary, Fairburn.

A. G. C. S.

## IDAHO.

The Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Idaho Falls, on Monday, the fourteenth day of June, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock A. M.

During the opening of Grand Chapter, E. Companion WILLIAM A. BRADBURY, Grand Chaplain, offered up a fervent prayer from which we take the following paragraph:

"Remove, we beseech Thee, from their hearts all rancor and bitterness against the body of men who humbly try to serve not only Thee but their fellow men. In this, a time of war, may that peace which passeth all understanding and which Thou alone canst give, enter into not only all our undertakings at this time, but into our hearts as well."

M. E. Companion HENRY LEIMBERGER, Grand High Priest, presents an interesting report of the work he did for the year. He made quite a number of official visitations which must have been productive of much good to the several Chapters. He appointed Special Deputies to represent him in visitations to the Chapters he was unable to visit so that every Chapter but two was visited officially during the year. He constituted a new Chapter at Kellogg, approved By-laws and Amendments to By-laws and issued two Dispensations, both relating to election and installation of officers. He makes a full report of the consolidation of Idaho Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., with Boise Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.

A Dispensation was issued to a number of Companions for a new Chapter.

Two decisions were rendered during the year, one refusing to permit a Companion to be granted a demit from the Chapter since he is King of the Chapter. The Grand Chapter By-laws say: "An elected or appointed officer cannot demit during the period for which he has been installed."

The other is: "There is no reason why you should not use cards for your members if they desire it, . . ." but that they "would not take the place of any official receipt."

He finds "that most of the Chapters were deficient in some parts of the necessary *paraphernalia* that should be used in conferring the Capitular Degrees." He then gives a list of necessary articles.

The Grand High Priest's report on the "Condition of the Work," is as follows:

"I am pleased to report to you that Capitular Masonry is gradually increasing in our Jurisdiction, having made a gain of 80 Companions for the year. The total membership now is 1339 and I would urge you at this time to always further the interest of the Royal Craft and never neglect to invite a worthy brother Master Mason to receive a part in that most sublime degree, the Royal Arch, and thus become the possessor of that which every good Mason seeks—the long-lost master's word."

Companion Lewis W. Ensign, R. E. Grand Secretary, presents a very carefully prepared report of the doings of his office, and Companion Edward Smith, R. E. Grand Treasurer, makes a satisfactory report,

showing a balance on hand of $1502.73. A healthy balance for a Grand Chapter seven years old.

The Review of Proceedings is made by Companion Lewis W. Ensign, the R. E. Grand Secretary. From his conclusion, he appears to feel "that the right man has not been found in Idaho, to write the review," but we confess that they are written in a style that interests us.

He reviews Pennsylvania with much care and quotes quite liberally from the address of M. E. Companion George B. Wells, Grand High Priest, the report of the Committee on Appeals and the introduction to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, written by M. E. Companion William B. Meredith, Past Grand High Priest.

I regret that the report was not received in time for last year's review.

Horton F. Kimball, M. E. Grand High Priest, Kellogg.

Lewis W. Ensign, R. E. Grand Secretary, Boise.

A. G. C. S.

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## ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Grand Ball Room of the LaSalle Hotel, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth

day of October, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446, at ten o'clock A. M.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, when "The Oriental Quartette of Chicago sang several beautiful and appropriate songs."

After the appointment of committees and the report of Committee on Credentials, we find the following:

"FLAG PRESENTATION.

"The M. E. Grand High Priest then directed the E. Principal Sojourner to retire and, together with the E. Captain of the Host and the Grand Masters of the Veils, to present the flag. This duty the said officers duly performed, and while the national ensign was being escorted to the East the members of Grand Chapter arose and all joined in singing the national anthem 'America.'"

M. E. Companion HARRY W. HARVEY, Grand High Priest, then read his annual report, which was full of interest to the Companions. On the matter of District Inspectors, he writes:

"The appointment of district inspectors is a new feature in our system of visitation. It has done so much good in unifying the work and records of the Chapters and instilling new life in those that have laid dormant that I feel that too much cannot be said in praise of those faithful Companions who have given their time and energy to rousing up the Royal Arch Masons throughout the State to the fact that the Chapter Degrees when conferred in proper form are both impressive and instructive. A full report of such inspections will be made by the Committee on Chartered Chapters."

By authority of the Grand Chapter, he held five State Schools in different parts of the State during the year.

He reports one new Chapter constituted and two were consolidated into one.

Five Dispensations were issued to Companions to form as many new Chapters. The charter of one Chapter was annulled.

He reports seven decisions, two of which we give below:

"No. 2. *Question.* A Chapter was requested to lend its robes to the ladies of the Eastern Star for the purpose of giving an entertainment to be called 'Burlesque on Masonry.'

"*Decision.* That it is unlawful to perform any travesty on Masonic Degrees or to give an entertainment to be named 'Burlesque on Masonry.' The robes belonging to the Chapter are for the exemplification of the Capitular Degrees and are not to be used for any other purpose."

Undoubtedly right.

"No. 7. *Question.* Is it lawful for a Chapter, at a stated convocation after the transaction of business, to confer degrees and then revert back to business?

"*Decision.* A Chapter shall not transact any business involving final action by vote of the Chapter at any convocation after the work of conferring degrees has begun."

We are not so sure of the fairness of this decision. Illinois Capitular law may justify it, but it still seems unreasonable to us.

He gives an encouraging report of his visit to the Masonic Home and Hospital at Sullivan, reports a contribution to the daughter of a beloved former officer of the Grand Chapter, now deceased, and the discipline of two of the officers of a Chapter by deposing them.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a healthy financial condition, there being a balance on hand of $26,643.06 and an invested fund of $15,000.

The Obituary Report is presented by a committee of three and is well written. It fittingly refers to the deaths of our beloved Companions GEORGE WASHINGTON KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, and STOCKTON BATES, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Accounts recommended the appropriation of $5000 to the Grand Lodge for the support and maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital and $500 to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, both of which recommendations were adopted, much to the credit of Grand Chapter.

An innovation was indulged in when the Grand High Priest presented Companion ARTHUR J. FRANCIS, who delivered an oration on "The Corner Stone in the Temple of Life." It is printed in full in the proceedings and is well worth preserving.

Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand Secretary presents his Fifteenth Annual Correspondence Report. A page is devoted to Pennsylvania.

"The Postscript," with which Companion WARVELLE concludes his report, is as interesting as usual. He closes with a table showing Illinois, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania as having the largest membership in the order named, Illinois having changed

places with New York during the year. The same order prevails for the amount of work done for the year. But for net gains, Pennsylvania takes third place, putting New York in second place.

James E. Jeffers, Grand High Priest, Arcola, Ill.

George W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary, Chicago, Ill.

A. G. C. S.

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## INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in the Seventy-first Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1916.

After the opening of Grand Chapter the Past Grand High Priests, fifteen of whom were present, were formally introduced and welcomed to the Convocation.

M. E. Companion Leon T. Leach, Grand High Priest, read his annual report giving an account of his stewardship for the year. He makes mention of the deaths of our M. E. Companions George W. Kendrick, Jr., Past Grand High Priest, and Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary.

He reports one new Chapter constituted and three authorized to work under dispensation. He declined to issue a Dispensation to a number of Companions who applied for the privilege of working under a dispensation. He granted Dispensations to two Chapters to hold a special election "to fill a vacancy in the office of High Priest, caused by the resignation of the High Priest, the King and Scribe declining to serve." These decisions seem strange to us in Pennsylvania.

He refused a Dispensation "to receive a petition for the degrees in the Chapter and ballot on same at the same Convocation." This is as it should be, and we wish it were so in all Grand Jurisdictions.

He acknowledges the benefit to be derived by Chapters from a visit by a Grand Officer, but regrets that he was unable to make as many visits as he would desire.

He issued a circular letter to the several Chapters, requesting contributions to the Masonic War Relief Association. The response was not so large as he had anticipated, due no doubt to the fact, as he says, that the Chapters had recently contributed liberally to the Indiana Masonic Home.

Under head of Decisions he writes:

"No questions of vital importance or that required an absolute decision from the Grand High Priest have been presented. In a number of cases I have interpreted for Chapters sections of the General Regulations, which have always been entirely satisfactory. Our General Regulations are so complete that but few questions arise that are not easily answered by reference to them."

The officers of the subordinate Chapters are to be commended.

R. E. Companion VESTAL W. WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer, reports a balance on hand of $4738.18, with an invested fund of $8000.

R. E. Companion CALVIN W. PRATHER makes a complete report, showing a net gain in membership of 815, and comments as follows:

"The foregoing table discloses the gratifying fact that the Grand Chapter is very prosperous. While the net increase is not as great as the year previous, yet it is sufficient to warrant the Grand Chapter in self-congratulation, and further for the reason that our Chapters are so universally careful in the material selected for exaltation that the high standard of character of the petitioners is equal to that of former years."

M. E. Companion JOHN J. GLENDENING, Grand Inspector, makes an elaborate report of twenty-five pages. He is not afraid to make unfavorable criticisms where they are deserved, and we are convinced he is doing good work for the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Past Grand High Priest, again presents the Annual Capitular Review, as he is pleased to call it, and interesting reading it makes. We should like to quote from it more than time and space will permit. He does not hesitate to call to account Grand Chapters granting Dispensations to Chapters to "ballot out of time," which meets with our hearty approval. From his review of Georgia we take the following:

"Dispensations to receive petitions and ballot out of time were issued in battalions. The practice in this Jurisdiction is so pernicious that it

would seem there is no need of a statute designating a time limit or any other restriction. Why not just let your Chapters receive, refer, ballot and confer *ad libitum?*''

We are not prepared to agree with our M. E. Companion Woods as to his strictures upon the efforts of our Illinois Companions in their effort to provide suitable instruction in the work. In place of ''questionable results'' we expect to learn of great improvement as a result of their labors.

He gives Pennsylvania a two-page review and summarizes the work very carefully. He quotes M. E. Companion Porter W. Lowry, our Grand High Priest's conclusion, which was written by him because of the death of M. E. Companion Stockton Bates, which had occurred just after he had completed the reviews assigned to him, but before he had written the conclusion, which had been his custom. M. E. Companion Woods adds his own tribute of respect in a few well-chosen words.

Calvin H. Ramsay, Grand High Priest, Angola.

Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

A. G. C. S.

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## IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Sixty-third Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, Waterloo, this twelfth day of October, A. D. 1916, at nine-fifteen o'clock A. M.

After the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* and the customary reception to the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters present was given, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion FRANK N. FOWLER, read his annual address. He reports the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest W. F. CLEVELAND, Grand Secretary, who had been writing the reports of the Committee on Correspondence, which were a pleasure to read; Companion ALFRED WINGATE, Grand Secretary Emeritus, who had served the Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary for a period of twenty-seven years, and M. E. Past Grand High Priest CLINTON SOLLACE FLETCHER. We sympathize with our Companions of Iowa in the severe loss they have sustained. He has this to say about his plans and visitations.

"Soon after the meeting of the Grand Chapter Grand Secretary Cleveland and myself met and went over the apparent situation of the Chapters in Iowa, and in taking up the work of the year three plans were laid out: First, to endeavor to bring the officers of the subordinate Chapters in closer relation with the Grand Officers, so that a deeper interest could be manifested in their good and the upbuilding of the Chapters; second, to manifest a deeper interest in the Lodge members and show them that the advancement to the Chapter degrees is a step forward for their best interests in Masonic study; third, to the developing of the true intent of the schools of instruction, that they were for the advancement of the Chapters, loyalty to the upbuilding of our beautiful ritualistic work and a uniform floor work, doing away with all innovations and horse plays, adhering strictly to the ritual. Companion Cleveland's illness and death caused delay in putting in operation our plans, and because of sickness during the fore part of February I was compelled to give up a number of visits contemplated, and my business relations for March are my excuses for neglect to comply with the requirements of visiting with the Custodians and attending more faithfully to what may be termed the social duties of my position."

Notwithstanding the above excuses, he found time to officially visit a large number of the Chapters under his care, and reports cordial receptions and evidences of prosperity.

A number of requests from other Jurisdictions to confer one or more degrees upon those approved, but who had moved to Iowa, were granted cheerfully, and a number of similar requests were made of sister Jurisdictions.

This practice is not permitted in Pennsylvania.

A number of Dispensations were granted, and the following were refused: To permit a Chapter to go to another city, open a Lodge of Mark Master Masons and confer the degree upon a number of candidates living in said city; to change a meeting night because the stated meeting fell on a night near to Christmas, and quite a number of Chapters "to receive and ballot out of time." In reference to the last refusal he writes:

"While it may seem hard and retard the admission of candidates, I have refused these and called their attention to the law providing for the reception of petitions from which there is no appeal."

He reports two Chapters as having consolidated. By-laws approved and a number of decisions of local interest. He commends the Custodians of Work for the faithful performance of their duties, and the Schools of Instruction for the good accomplished.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters shows a net increase of 555, just 300 less than the previous year.

The Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion M. R. Ansbach, reports a balance on hand of $14,608.69. The Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund report a balance of $1950.24 in the permanent fund and a balance of $1541.06 in the relief fund. Invested funds amounting to $23,200 are reported. All of which goes to show a careful management of the finances of this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter during the year placed a stained glass window, emblematic of Royal Arch Masonry, in the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids. A representation of the window accompanies the report of the Committee having the matter in charge.

M. E. Companion Edward M. Willard, Past Grand High Priest, is charged with the responsibility of writing the Report on Correspondence. He writes an interesting introduction, in which he pays a fitting testimonial to M. E. Companion William Fishe Cleveland, who had previously done this work.

He makes a good reviewer. He makes a brief summary of the transactions of the several Grand Jurisdictions and quotes that which is worthy of passing on. In his review of New Hampshire he quotes from Companion J. L. Seward's concluding remarks, and we take pleasure in again repeating it:

"'Is Christianity a failure?' 'Are the sublime teachings of Freemasonry of no avail?'

*"'No! Truth was never altered by the conduct of men any more than a square or a circle would be annihilated because an untrained pupil could not make one that looked comely. 'Truth crushed to earth shall rise again; the eternal years of God are her's.' The heaviest thunder storm is frequently the clearing-up shower. This most terrible of all the conflicts ever known on earth may prove to be the drain through which the angry, long-pent passions of men may find their way to the sea of oblivion, the clearing-up shower of the great international storm that has hung so many years, even centuries, like a black pall over Europe. Happy may we deem ourselves in this country if its lightning does not strike us more terrifically than it has already!'"*

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, and he quotes a paragraph from our Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address (PORTER W. LOWRY), relative to the faithful work of our District Deputies, and a paragraph from the report our Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Past Grand High Priest.

Read Companion WILLARD'S conclusion:

"Companions, our work is completed. We have reviewed the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and herewith submit to you our report. We urge that the Companions read it. We believe it will do you good, for we are sure it will do you no harm. The Grand Chapter is at considerable expense in having this report prepared and printed, and unless it inures to the benefit of Capitular Masonry the Report on Fraternal Correspondence had better be discontinued.

"If, on the other hand, the report is read by a goodly number of the Companions, and it is the means of giving additional light and knowledge to those seeking information, then it is of some benefit and the Grand Chapter would be justified in continuing this committee.

"By its perusal one can ascertain what is taking place in the Capitular world, what is being said and done, the progress Capitular Masonry is making, and the part it is taking in the various avenues of life."

CHARLES A. DEWEY, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Washington, Iowa.

C. F. GRAVES, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Harlan, Iowa.

A. G. C. S.

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## KANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in its Fifty-first Annual Convocation, at Masonic Hall, Topeka, Kansas, on Monday, February 14, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446, at two P. M.

M. E. Companion JOHN W. NEILSON, Grand High Priest, gives an account of his year's work in an interesting address, given at the opening of the Grand Chapter.

Under "Foreign Relations" he says: "Our relations with Grand Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions in fraternal intercourse with this Grand Chapter, have been harmonious."

Under the heading of "Exemplification of Work" he says:

> "Your Grand High Priest extended an invitation to the Officers and Companions of Topeka Chapter No. 5 to confer the Mark Master's degree before the Grand Chapter, and the invitation was very graciously accepted."

This action is the same as that which has obtained in Pennsylvania for a number of years, and I am sure it proved helpful to the Companions in attendance.

He has this to say about decisions:

"No decisions were given during the year, such inquiries as related to uncertain matters being fully covered by our laws, and citations made to them."

This speaks well for the intelligence of the officers of the subordinate Chapters.

We copy his closing paragraphs, which contain the right sentiment.

"Our organization brings together in a common interest, men who otherwise might be far apart in life, while it endeavors to make dominant the desire to labor for the building of the temple of humanity. Only in a symbolic sense do we fashion the stones from the quarry for the foundation, walls and capstone. We hew the stones for the building of the temple of mankind by upright living and a steady adherence to lofty ideals.

"It is our common duty to labor unceasingly for the betterment of the present and future race by contributing only perfect stones for our temple.

"Thus we have built—and still shall build—tho' not with brick and beams;
For we shall breathe the breath of life into our cherished dreams,
We shall see our faith take form again, and yet again,
For we build more than temples—aye, we are building men."

A full-page portrait of M. E. Companion NEILSON graces the first page of the annual proceedings, and an interesting biographical sketch, containing his Masonic record, is inserted in the body of the proceedings.

M. E. Companion AARON H. CONNETT, Grand Treasurer, in his annual report shows a balance of cash on hand amounting to $10,294.60, and an invested fund of $8500, a creditable showing indeed.

R. E. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, presents quite a full report of the transactions of his office, in which we notice the announcement of the appointment of our Companion Edward Hope, of Pittsburgh, as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. His report shows a net gain in membership of 423, an increase over last year's net gain.

M. E. Companion Matthew M. Miller, Dean of the Past Grand High Priests, writes the Report on Correspondence in an interesting manner. A page is devoted to Pennsylvania. We notice from his report to Grand Chapter that "He also asked for further time in the matter of the request of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, which was granted." We trust that M. E. Companion Miller is no longer a "shut in," but that he now enjoys as good health as the best of us.

M. E. John Powers, Grand High Priest, Marion, Kansas.

R. E. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, Topeka, Kansas.

A. G. C. S.

## KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons, held its Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 17, 1916, A. I. 2446, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch Degree, at eight o'clock P. M.

All of the officers were in their stations and places, and seventeen Past Grand High Priests were also present.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN W. JUETT is interesting throughout. His opening paragraph is as follows:

"My beloved Companions, how thankful we should to be to the Great and Beneficent Author of the Universe for the continued manifestations of His Divine power and watchful care over us during the past year. Though a large part of the peoples of the world are in a desperate struggle for supremacy and thousands of noble men and Masons have lost their lives, we are at peace with the world."

Among the Dispensations granted was one permitting Jackson Chapter to go to Hazard and confer the degrees upon about twenty-five Master Masons residing there, who had previously been approved in Jackson Chapter. He required that a notice be sent to all the members and suggested "that you take your charter and such paraphernalia as you will need in the work." He granted Dispensations to three Chapters to elect and install officers out of time. He refused a Dispensation to a Chapter to reduce its fees for one night from $20 to $10. He said: "The Companion gave some splendid reasons for making the request, but the request could not be granted."

He granted one Dispensation for a new Chapter, to be located at Jenkins. He reports further: "I received a number of requests to ballot on candidates out of time, all of which I refused."

The following decision we deem worthy of repetition:

"My Dear Companion:—Your letter of November 5th received, and will say in reply that if a member is in arrears for two years' dues, and is regularly summoned to answer, and pays only one year's dues, he may be suspended for the non-payment of the other year. Section 488 (1911 Digest) provides that a member shall not be suspended for non-payment of *less* than one year's dues. If the member pays for only one year, he is still liable to the penalty of being suspended for the non-payment of the other year. In other words, he is liable to be suspended if he is in arrears for as much as one year's dues.

"Furthermore, and of more importance, is this: A summons is the most solemn process a Chapter or other Masonic body can issue, and the obligation to answer it is incorporated in his oath at the altar.

"The payment of dues, therefore, does not discharge the obligation to answer the summons, and, unless excused by the Chapter, he may be proceeded against for his failure to appear."

The Grand High Priest reports having made a number of personal visitations to Chapters and the surrendering of the Charter of one Chapter.

M. E. Companion Juett is to be commended for the care he exercised in the performance of his several duties, ever keeping close to the Ancient Landmarks.

The R. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Frank H. Johnson, reports a balance on hand of $10,123.25, and an invested fund of $21,000.

The R. E. Grand Secretary, Howard R. French, Past Grand High Priest, rendered a detailed report for the year, in which he shows a net gain in membership of 206.

The Report on the Doings of Grand Chapters is presented by M. E. Companion G. Allison Holland, Past Grand High Priest. His reviews are written in an interesting manner and in a fraternal spirit. He passes some criticism upon the action of our Grand High Priest in deciding that a petition is invalidated when a Committee fails to report within four months. The decision was in perfect harmony with the provisions of our Constitution. Should the plan suggested by M. E. Companion Holland, that of dismissing the Committee and the appointment of another, if no report is made at the end of thirty days, be adopted, the careful inquiry into the fitness of a petitioner for the degrees and membership might be seriously interfered with. We are content to follow our own practice.

We too, M. E. Companion Holland, have only one ballot, but our Constitution forbids the exaltation of any one "to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason and not then, unless he has had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks."

George B. Winslow, Grand High Priest, Carrollton, Kentucky.

Howard R. French, Grand Secretary, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

A. G. C. S.

## LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana was convened in emergent Convocation in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on Tuesday, the 8th of February, 1916, at ten o'clock A. M., all of the officers of the Grand Chapter being present and in their stations. M. E. Companion H. F. GRIMM, Grand High Priest, stated that the Grand Chapter had been called for the purpose of exemplifying the work in Capitular Degrees. The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form.*

The Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch were then conferred by the officers of as many different Chapters. "The special business for which the Convocation had been called having been accomplished, the Grand Chapter was then closed in *Ample Form.*"

"The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, February 8, 1916, at twelve o'clock M."

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion H. F. GRIMM, in his address to the Grand Chapter, gave a concise account of his work for the year. He notes with sorrow the death of M. E. Companion RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Secretary, who "departed this life on December 6, 1915, at the ripe age of 87 years." The Grand High Priest appointed E. Companion JOHN A. DAVILLA to fill the unexpired term.

He reports two new Chapters constituted during the year, and Dispensations issued for five others, which indicates Capitular Masonry to be in a flourishing condition in this Grand Jurisdiction. A Dispensation was issued to one Chapter "to hold public installation of officers."

Under the head of Visitations he writes:

"During my administration I have visited thirty-three Chapters in this Jurisdiction, twenty-eight of which have been visited personally by me, and five by representatives appointed by me to assist the Chapters in their labors. I believe that the visits to the Chapters have been of great benefit to the Chapters visited. I think that the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, requiring that every Chapter in the Jurisdiction should be visited at least once a year by either one of the first four officers of the Grand Chapter, should be strictly carried out. I believe that the influence of such visits will prove of great benefit to Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction."

He offers the following recommendation:

"I find, upon personal visitation to the various Chapters, that a considerable number of our Chapters do not seem to be able to fully understand the purpose of the Ritual, and the arrangement of the work, and in order to correct the deficiency I strongly advise that this Grand Chapter direct the Grand High Priest to divide the Jurisdiction into as many districts as is deemed necessary, and appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest, or a Companion with such title as may be satisfactory, in charge of such district, who shall pass an examination before the Committee on Work as to his proficiency in the Ritual."

These recommendations, if carried out, will surely prove helpful to the several Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer, E. Companion George W. Booth, Past Grand High Priest, reports $5994.01 cash on hand, and an invested fund of $7000.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is M. E. Companion HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Past Grand High Priest. The writer of the reviews, however, has not revealed himself, as in the introduction we find the following sentence:

"Called upon at the time of Comp. Duncan's critical illness to assume a portion of the labor which he has so devotedly performed for twenty years, I have answered the call of my superior and now lay before you the fruit of my obedience."

No name is signed. In the review of Connecticut we find the following, which is of interest to us:

"Under Oregon, we quote:

"'Very strangely, the question was asked the G. H. P. if an actual P. M. who was also a R. A. M. had the right to confer upon the Master-elect of a Lodge the Past Master's degree, since it was a degree of the Chapter. The Grand H. P. rightly ruled that he had that right under the usual restrictions imposed by Grand Lodge, who alone has jurisdiction in such matters. This furnishes another opportunity for argument and crazy conclusions regarding this degree, which was long ago wrongfully appropriated by the Chapter. And Pennsylvania can again congratulate herself upon her position in the matter, which we confess is a logical and theoretically correct one.'

"We see no reason for comment concerning this decision, excepting the raising of the question as to whether this degree is within the jurisdiction of Symbolic or Royal Arch Masonry. It is not generally accepted that the degree of Past Master, where conferred, belongs in fact to Symbolic Masonry and remains in our Capitular System only to fulfill an ancient *Lodge* regulation, a regulation which could not now be abolished unless an innovation was created? The only Past Master is the *Actual* Past Master who has presided over a Lodge; the virtual P. M. is a P. M. by courtesy only. All of which is nothing new to our Brother correspondent."

Pennsylvania is given a page review.

We forgive the reviewer for the horrible treatment he has given our name. It is about half right as used.

We know it is long, but object to any changes or omissions.

Sol. Levy, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, New Orleans, Louisiana.

John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

A. G. C. S.

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## MAINE.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its Ninety-first Annual Convocation, in Massachusetts Temple, at Portland, on Tuesday evening, May 2, A. D. 1916, A. I. 2446, at seven o'clock.

After Grand Chapter was opened the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Companion George E. Corson, was formally presented and made an address of great interest to the Companions of Maine. Companion Corson is a native of Maine and indulged in many reminiscences relative to his enlistment for service in the Civil War, his return at its close, &c. He spoke of the Masons of prominence whose homes were in Maine in days gone by and naturally spoke of "patriotism, love of country and love of home and kindred."

M. E. Companion Wallace N. Price, Grand High Priest, read his second annual report. He gives a brief review of his year's work. He reports "that

the Royal Craft in our Jurisdiction is in good condition." He reports the death of JOHN W. BALLOU, Senior Past Grand High Priest.

He says: "No decisions have been made during the year." He recommended the granting of a charter to a Chapter which had been working under dispensation for the past year. He also authorized a number of Companions to work under dispensation at another place and Warrants were granted to both by the Grand Chapter.

He reports one School of Instruction held and says: "I believe these schools are of inestimable value to the Craft and recommend that they be continued."

He visited a number of the Chapters and reports conditions favorable. All of the Grand Officers and Deputies made elaborate reports of their doings and their visits to the several Chapters should help them to a high degree of efficiency.

The Grand Treasurer, Companion ALBRO E. CHASE, reports a balance of $12,670.15, with almost as large a balance in the Charity Fund. The returns from Chapters show a net gain of 183.

The Committee on Memorials had the following to say of our beloved M. E. Companion GEORGE WASHINGTON KENDRICK, JR.:

"George Washington Kendrick, Jr., 33°, P. G. H. P., P. G. M., P. M. P. G. M., P. G. C., died at his home in Philadelphia, 26th February, 1916. He devoted many years to spreading the teachings of the Fraternity.

The Grand High Priest says that he received more of Masonic honors than any other in that great jurisdiction. He gave unstintedly of his time and energy to the upbuilding of the Masonic Home in Philadelphia.''

Companion WILLIAM D. PATTERSON was again charged with the responsibility of preparing the Report on Correspondence, and again he was too busy to be able to make a complete report. He starts off by saying: "The reports of proceedings of Grand Chapters again stand in orderly array, having at the head Alabama." This year his report ends with California, while last year he got as far as Kansas. For the third time in succession Pennsylvania is not reviewed.

JAMES A. RICHAN, Grand High Priest, Rockland, Maine.

STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary, Portland, Maine.

A. G. C. S.

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## MARYLAND.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on November 23, 1916, Grand High Priest EDWIN J. GRIFFEN.

We do not know who is responsible for the "get-up" of the Book of Proceedings, but whoever it was, is to be congratulated. It is not only artistic, but psychological. It has a stiff cover of white and on the

front page are the words "Maryland 1916" in raised red letters. Nothing more. It is artistic because the contrast between the white and red strikes the eye at once and arrests attention. It is psychological because it sends, telepathically, a message to the mind of the reader. Just as there are names, emblazoned on the pages of history, the mere mention of which brings to the mind the memory of their great and glorious deeds, so the Capitular Masons of Maryland believe that their name of "Maryland" is the *ne plus ultra* of Masonry and that there is "nothing more beyond." To them it suggests the *summum bonum.*

How far that opinion is acquiesced in by other jurisdictions does not appear on the record, but it shows that the Capitular Masons of Maryland believe in it and do not hesitate to "boost" themselves, which is very creditable, because if a man does not believe in himself it is difficult to make others believe in him. It is a *sine qua non* of success.

They certainly have a lot of "pep" in Maryland. The Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter honored them with a visit. They sent a Committee of the Past Grand High Priests to "get" him and bring him in. They "got" him all right, whether *nolens volens* or with his "own free will and accord" does not appear, but presumably the latter, as he was brought in smiling and was given the honors and was welcomed in a "high falutin" speech, to which he made eloquent response.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his annual address, in which he refers to the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction, which with the peace, love and unity, prosperity and abundance throughout the country, calls for gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master. It closes with thanks to the other Grand Officers for their advice and assistance, and with this pregnant sentence that "Masonic duties as well as others are with us always."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $8192.25.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that the receipts from dues were $3683.75. He gives no data in his report as to the membership nor the accessions during the year.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers and Companion Emmett L. Pettit was elected Grand High Priest.

The Report on Correspondence was made by Rev. Henry Branch, Chairman. In his report on Arkansas he quotes as follows, from the Report on Correspondence of that State:

"The Conclusion of the Report on Correspondence is a revelation:

" 'Arkansas is one of the greatest American States. Her soil has been baptized with the blood of heroes; and the pages of her history record deeds of valor, and of progress, and achievement. Arkansas has more miles of navigable waters than any State in the American Union. From the diamond fields of Arkansas are mined gems of rarest rays serene. Along the gurgling streams of Arkansas blushing maidens, with disheveled hair and uncovered feet, gather pearls of priceless lustre. Fay Hempstead, Free Masonry's

crowned Poet Laureate, is Arkansas' native son. Arkansas boasts of Mammoth Spring, the largest on the yet explored globe. The curative waters of the world-famed Hot Springs of Arkansas are Nature's gift for the healing of the nations.'

"Those Hot Springs have proved Pierian to Comp. Huffmaster; it may be the mantle of the gifted Hempstead will fall upon his shoulders, and a double portion of his spirit."

## There is no report on Pennsylvania.

## In his critique of Kentucky he refers to the "Texas Plan" for boosting Cryptic Masonry as follows:

"The 'Texas Plan' comes up for final consideration with the following action:

" '*Council Degrees.*—The petition of a Master Mason for the conferment of the Chapter Degrees shall be accompanied by a petition, together with the required fee, addressed to the Council of Royal and Select Masters situated nearest the petitioner's residence, for the conferment of the Degree of Royal and Select Master Mason. Said Council petition shall be retained by the Secretary of the Chapter, and when the petitioner has received the Royal Arch Degree, said Secretary shall certify that fact and send the petition and fee to the said Council. Should the petitioner be rejected by the Chapter, the said Council petition and fee shall immediately be returned to petitioner by the Secretary. A petition of a Royal Arch Mason to a Chapter for affiliation is not required by this section to be accompanied by such Council petition.'

"This action of the Kentucky Companions is one of the increasing evidences of a more intelligent grasp of the Masonic system, which is becoming more and more of a real system, differentiating it from the ordinary beneficial society, the literary club or the social organizations; not beneficiary, yet benevolent; not ecclesiastical in its narrow sense, yet religious in its broadest sense; appealing not so much for charity in its modern, unscriptural sense, but in its higher original Scriptural sense, which makes it a Divine attribute and characterizes those who love Him. Now any scheme that uses the symbolism and historic developments of the Divine plan, either as a system of worship or as an inspiration for higher living, is worth while to the Masonic student, and impels the intelligent Mason, whom we call 'bright,' to seek for more light than he receives in the Master's Degrees, while in Capitular Masonry his longings are partly gratified and Cryptic Masonry holds out the torch. Let the good work go on!"

The writer candidly confesses that he never heard of said "Texas Plan," but that is only evidence of his ignorance (which is monumental) and the idea seems a good one and the writer adds his voice to that of Companion BRANCH, "Let the good work go on." The profession of Companion BRANCH, his brilliant intellect and graceful diction bear strong evidence that he is "a Branch of the True Vine," as he realizes that the teachings of Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry have their source in the First Great Light of Freemasonry, whose Author is God, whom Companion BRANCH loves and serves.

As a further evidence, if any were necessary, that he adorns his profession, he quotes with approval the following:

"The following under New Jersey shows Comp. Comee, Correspondent, at his best:

"'Under "Decisions," after referring to "Decision No. 9," that "Masonic processions are not lawful for any other than Masonic purposes," he ruled that if a Chapter wished to attend Divine service it was "no infringement of the ancient landmarks and usages of Freemasonry if they do so attend, wearing their aprons and jewels, as the attending of Divine service is decidedly a Masonic duty." The Committee on Constitutions, while in perfect accord with the Grand High Priest in considering attendance at Divine service a Masonic duty, could not agree that such attendance was a "Masonic purpose," and therefore disapproved the decision, but after "a spirited discussion" the Grand Chapter supported the Grand High Priest by adopting the following:

"'"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand High Priest in allowing Orange Chapter No. 23 to attend Divine service, wearing the aprons and jewels of the Chapter, was not in violation of Decision 9, and is hereby approved."

"'If a Divine service was held in a Masonic Temple, would there be any objection to the attendance of a Chapter with its members wearing its aprons and jewels, and is the "purpose" positively changed by having that

service in a church which may possibly be the next building to the Temple? Is not the dissemination of the *fundamental principles* of the Christian church a "Masonic purpose" and taught in Masonic bodies?' "

Again, in referring to Companion HAINES, Correspondent of New Jersey, he says:

"This most interesting and able Correspondent continually asserts his independence and originality in a fascinating way, charming and instructive. In regard to the Ark of the Testimony, it struck me as a distinct compliment to the Chapter that she should possess such an accurate reproduction of the Ark of the Testimony that it could be used for the instruction of Bible students. The study of the Bble is distinctly a Masonic privilege and duty, and its dissemination should be encouraged; while the use of the most perfect symbols does not disclose any secrets, nor can it solve any of its mysteries. I really enjoy anything that makes real a nearer approach of the two institutions that have done most for the enlightenment and betterment of mankind.

"The pattern of the Ark is not a Masonic secret, its cabalistic lettering does not disclose any, and it simply illustrates the mysteries that the Divine mind chose to involve in symbols which are not Masonic secrets at all."

Space will not permit any further comments on this BRANCH of the proceedings of Maryland. Our only regret is that he did not give us the benefit of his Damascus blade in reviewing Pennsylvania. Perhaps it is better that he did not, for he might have cut us down *root and branch.*

W. R. M.

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## MASSACHUSETTS.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, on December 7, 1915. Grand High Priest EUGENE A. HOLTON.

The morning session was proclaimed at nine-thirty A. M. and was devoted to the exemplification of the several degrees in Capitular Masonry by the Grand Lecturer and a corps of selected assistants.

For the benefit of Capitular Masonry the *official time* for the exemplification of the different degrees is given as follows:

Mark Degree, one hour and thirty minutes.
Past Degree, twenty-seven minutes.
Most Excellent, fifty-seven minutes.
Royal Arch, two hours and thirty-five minutes.

The fact that the exemplification was done by the Grand Lecturer and his assistant is, *prima facie,* evidence that it was well done. This is, however, corroborated by the fact that before the rendition of the Royal Arch Degree, the participants in the work and the Grand Chapter were physically and mentally exhausted, for they all adjourned to a *substantial* lunch, which the Grand Chapter had thoughtfully provided, well knowing that to properly appreciate the "most august, sublime and important" degree in Capitular Masonry required mind and body to be in sound condition. *"Mens sana in sano corpore."*

The Grand Chapter reassembled at two-thirty P. M., when the Royal Arch Degree was beautifully

and impressively rendered. The Grand Chapter then adjourned to seven P. M.

At the evening session the report of the Grand High Priest was presented and listened to with closest attention.

The Committee on Returns, which was collated from the report of the Grand Secretary, showed a membership in December, 1915, of 25,096; a net gain during the year of 393.

The report of the Auditing Committee, collated from the report of the Grand Treasurer, showed that the property of the Grand Chapter consisted of

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| securities amounting to | $37,183.31 |
| Cash | 6,602.75 |
| Making a total of | $43,786.06 |

The result of the election was the elevation of ARTHUR D. PRINCE as Grand High Priest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Efficient Companion FREDERICK T. COMME, who prefaces his report by stating what he considers the primary object of such reports and it is so pertinent that it is herewith inserted, particularly as it represents in succinct terms the views of the writer.

"I understand the primary object of this report is to give the Companions in this jurisdiction a broader and clearer understanding of the laws, customs and transactions of other Capitular jurisdictions. The reviews will be made with the kindest of feelings toward each of them, with no intention of criticising their acts, and with an earnest desire to advance

the interests of Capitular Masonry. In this spirit I shall compare the laws and customs of other jurisdictions with our own, hoping that we may adopt any improvement they may suggest, and if I call attention to opportunities for improvement in any other jurisdiction, I trust it will be received as the friendly expression of one who has, with the Companions of that jurisdiction, a common interest in the welfare of our Order.''

He gives three pages of his valuable report to Pennsylvania, and we thank him for his kindly fraternal sentiments therein contained.

The following excerpt from his conclusion demonstrates the wisdom of his reappointment by Massachusetts.

''I have now completed my fourth annual review of other Grand Chapters whose printed proceedings have reached me. It would simplify the work if I could conscientiously submit clippings from an address or correspondence report as a review of a Grand Chapter, or consider the following literary copy of a review (excepting the name and numbers) sufficient:

'' '——— 1913. The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. ——— gives an account of his stewardship. Matters of local interest alone engaged his attention. Chapters ——— Members ——— Net Gain ———.'

''In either case I would not feel that I had performed my duty, and that I had given no information to a Companion who might wish to understand the laws and customs of other jurisdictions. I have never read the proceedings of a single Grand Chapter that did not contain some matter which I thought would be interesting to some Companion. Whether my reports are read or not is of no consequence to me as I am *only* responsible for their preparation, but from remarks made to me and questions I have received I am satisfied that some Companions do read what I write, which is an encouragement for me to continue giving them whatever information I am able to gather. Much of it I know is not new to many of us, but we must remember that what is old to us may be new to others who are seeking Capitular information, and it is our duty to assist them to the extent of our ability.''

W. R. M.

## MICHIGAN.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held in the city of Battle Creek on May 16, 1916.

Grand High Priest ALBERT J. YOUNG.

It was opened in *Ample Form* by the Grand High Priest, assisted by his associate Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan has a most beautiful custom. The Grand Secretary reads the "Roll of Honor," containing the names of the deceased Grand High Priests, before calling the Roll of the living members of the Grand Chapter, thereby giving to the Grand Chapter the benefit of the *spiritual presence,* as it were, of the Sainted Dead as well as the *corporeal presence* of the living members.

As the Angel of Death removes, one by one, the name of the Grand High Priest from the Roll of the Living, so the Grand Chapter, with loving and reverent hands, cause it to be transcribed to the Roll of Honor. The custom is full of fraternal love and is a striking exemplification of true Masonry.

Honored during his life by being exalted to the office of Grand High Priest, he is not forgotten after his death, but his name is emblazoned as it were in letters of gold (for gold is precious as his memory is precious) on the Roll of Honor, which has precedence over the Roll of the Living. Although it is not so

stated in the proceedings, one can well imagine that the *living* members of the Grand Chapter rise, and with bowed heads listen in solemn silence to the calling of the Roll of Honor, and the fragrance of their lives fills the Chapter Hall like Holy Incense.

To this Roll of Honor was added the name of Past Grand High Priest "CHARLIE" GAY. The writer, of course, never knew him or heard of him, yet the fact that the proceedings call him "Charlie" speaks in clarion tones of his character and worth, for no man is called by his Christian name, except by those to whom he is endeared by his loving qualities. The writer therefore joins his voice to those of the Grand Chapter of Michigan in praise of the life of "CHARLIE" GAY, and mingles his tears with theirs over his loss to Capitular Masonry. *Ave et vale.*

The address of the Grand High Priest was in the usual form of all such addresses, *sec. reg.* It commences with felicitations upon the condition of Capitular Masonry in Michigan, showing a net growth during the year of 807; throws a bouquet at the city of Battle Creek and its magnificent Masonic Temple, eulogizes the Grand Lecturer, HORACE S. MAYNARD, as "a man with Masonic knowledge and ability, coupled with a loving disposition," and closes with these pregnant words: "Excellent Companions: The work of the Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter is now before you. What is your pleasure?"

It is a model of terseness and business acumen. You can imagine by the above words that he is a business success, always coming to the point and never losing time in useless preliminaries.

In the biographical sketch of his life it is stated that "he has progressed rapidly along the lines of Masonic preferment and reached the top round of success without *injuring the sensitiveness of a single individual, nor trespassing upon the rights of others.* He stands today with the respect, love and admiration of the entire Royal Craft."

That is certainly great praise from those who know him and so we, in Pennsylvania, kow-tow before him and raise our voices in a Te Deum. In his treatment of a delinquent High Priest who had failed to send in the Returns, although frequently requested so to do, he reminds us of the Master in the Mark Lodge, who gave the Imposter another chance and "tempered Justice with Mercy."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the financial condition of the Grand Chapter to be prosperous.

The receipts (including a cash balance at the beginning of the year of $7092.55) were $18,295.30.

The other side of the ledger shows deposits of $7500 in the Commercial Savings Bank and cash on hand of

$964.69, the balance being made up of disbursements on vouchers.

The report of the Grand Secretary, CHARLES A. CONOVER, shows that there were exaltations of 1437 during the year, and after deducting those who died, were suspended and dimitted, a net gain of 807.

"CHARLIE" CONOVER must be a good fellow (excuse us for our familiarity, but the Michigan habit is "Catching"). He was sent as the proxy of General Grand High Priest CARSON to constitute Santa Fe Chapter No. 2, at Santa Fe, Isle of Pines, and install the officers thereof. He includes in his report a very interesting account of his trip to the Tropics. He tells us that the Masonic activities of the Canal Zone comprise a Chapter of over 300, two large Lodges, a Commandery, a Council, Consistory and a Shrine Club. The Lodges and Chapter own their own Temple. For the benefit of those Masons who intend visiting Panama, he says: "Do not fail to meet the Masons of Panama, for they own the Canal Zone."

"Charlie" (another *lapsus linguae*) was the recipient of many courtesies on his visit. We do not wonder, for, "how could they help it?"

The report of Companion HORACE S. MAYNARD, Grand Lecturer, is worthy of more space than we can give to it. It is great. Carefully prepared, well written, full of wit, wisdom and pathos, it well justifies his appointment as Grand Lecturer. In his report

he alludes to a letter received from a Past High Priest, who was also the Secretary of his Chapter, in which the latter said that "at the last exaltation of his Chapter the edict forbidding levity and unnecessary cruelty," etc., was read and then chucked into discard, and the exaltation then proceeded "just as they dang pleased." It appeared that this Chapter had purchased an electric carpet and "the juice was turned on with such force as to knock all the candidates down repeatedly, while the members roared with laughter, making a ridiculous farce of the degree."

Companion MAYNARD very properly reprobates such conduct, saying that "one or two Chapters can accomplish more to break the proper spirit established in conferring the degrees by introducing some such devilish contraptions than years of constant and prayerful labor can accomplish to correct the evils." Companion MAYNARD, all good Capitular Masons in all jurisdictions will agree with you and give a hearty Methodist "Amen" to your sentiments.

The Committee on Obituaries, ELMER F. BIRDSALL, ALEX. DAVIDSON and CHARLES E. CONOVER, made their report, which was adopted by the members of the Grand Chapter standing in silence. It is a wonderful report and full of pathos. The members must have drank deep of the Pierian Spring, for their words are full of eloquence, as you can judge from the conclusion of the report.

"Our Excellent Grand Secretary informs us that during the last year 460 Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction are recorded among those who have gone to accomplish the destiny of our race. May *we* so live that when our dissolution draws nigh the entrance to the dark valley will be illuminated by the consciousness of a well-spent life and the *hope* of a *glorious immortality.* For we shall pass through this world but once, and, therefore, any good that we can do or any kindness that we can show to *any human being,* let us do *now.* Let us learn to *anoint our Companions beforehand* for their burial. Post-mortem kindnesses cannot cheer the burdened spirit, flowers on the coffin shed no fragrance backward over the weary way by which our beloved Companions have traveled.

"'If you've a tender message or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it, but whisper it today;
We live but in the present, the future is unknown—
Tomorrow is a mystery, today is all our own.
The tender words unspoken, the letter never sent,
The long-forgotten messages, the wealth of love unspent, wait
For these some hearts are breaking, for these some loved ones
So show them that you care for them, before it is too late.'"

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at four P. M., May 16. What a welcome "call," for our Michigan Companions had been in session from one-thirty P. M., and if we are to judge them by our Companions in Pennsylvania, we know that it was most welcome, for here we are "good trenchermen." The Grand Secretary has thoughtfully omitted all reference to Menu, lest our salivary glands should commence to get busy and thus interfere with a proper critical review. If we had read of the delicious viands prepared by the Masons of Battle Creek, seasoned by the fraternal love of Michigan Masons, our mouths would have watered and by telepathy we would have become "full" and rendered

somnolent. Don't do it again, Charlie, we will run the risk of mental indigestion and pay our own doctor bills.

The Grand Chapter reassembled on Wednesday, May 17, at nine A. M., and after some preliminary business proceeded to the election of the Grand Officers and ROBERT H. HUNT was elected Grand High Priest and was duly installed. The Grand Chapter was closed in *Ample Form* at eleven-forty A. M. Thus ended the Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. The above short and imperfect resume is the answer to the question of the Grand High Priest: "What is your pleasure?"

A memorable session. As the "rainbow-tinted fingers of the twilight draw 'round the earth the curtain of the night," while the sun sinks to rest beneath the western hills and shines, still in a radiance that lingers in the firmament, so the memory of the Sixty-eighth Convocation of the Michigan Grand Chapter will ever shine in the Capitular firmament of Michigan.

Space will not permit an extended reference to the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Suffice it to say it was practically by the inimitable and unsurpassed Grand Secretary, CHARLES S. CONOVER, lovingly known to his friends as "Charlie." The enormity of the offense of the writer, who is unknown to him, in calling him by that endearing appellation, is

mitigated by the fact that his winning personality has so permeated his report that even strangers are attracted to him. I do not believe he will resent it, but if he does all I can say is "*peccavi*" and throw myself on the mercy of the Court.

In his report he has taken us over the whole field of Capitular Masonry and plucked the choicest flowers, wreathing them into a bouquet, the perfume of which is as fragrant as the zephyrs of the Orient. The report, as might be expected, is full of wit, wisdom, eloquence and fraternal love.

In speaking of Missouri he mentions a case where a Chapter had thirteen candidates to ballot for and had invited the Grand High Priest to attend to rejoice with them. This joy was turned into sorrow when twelve of the thirteen petitions were rejected. The Chapter then asked for a Dispensation, allowing it to reballot on the rejected petitions. The Grand High Priest granted the Dispensation and personally attended the meeting. The applicants were again rejected. The Grand High Priest took a whole day in investigating the matter and ascertained that the rejected applicants were among the best citizens of the place and that the blackballing was done by a clique who were revenging themselves on the High Priest of the Chapter. The Grand High Priest promptly disciplined the Chapter and suspended the Charter thereof.

W. R. M.

## MINNESOTA.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul on October 10, 1916, at ten A. M., JAMES R. MORTON, Grand High Priest.

The Capitular Masons of Minnesota are "quick on the trigger," and are hustlers. In order to save time in reading the minutes of the last Convocation they have them printed and distributed among the Companions. The address of the Grand High Priest was succinct, giving much valuable information to the Companions and closed with thanks to the Grand Officers for their courtesy and assistance and particularly to the Grand Secretary. He realized, as do all presiding officers of Masonic bodies, that the Secretary is really the dynamo that furnished the motive power of the organization.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance of $6814.87 in cash and $12,000 in securities.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows 638 exaltations, during the year 96 joined and 18 were restored, making a total of 752, and a total membership to date of 9894.

The Grand Chapter adjourned at eleven-forty-five A. M. and reassembled at two P. M., when it proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of TREVANION W. HUGO, as Grand High Priest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by the incomparable IRVING TODD. I use the word advisedly, although personally unknown to him and not even ever having the privilege of corresponding with him (as this is the first time I have been a Correspondent, being appointed to take the place of the lamented STOCKTON BATES), yet I know Companion TODD by reading his reviews, and I know the word "incomparable" is well deserved. As my distinguished predecessor said, "as a condenser Companion TODD is beyond compare, but he gives us the juice." He might have added "the juice is very palatable." It is mixed with wit and wisdom, the wit predominating. For instance, how is this for a risibility prescription? He has been referring to a review of Minnesota by Companion CONOVER, of Illinois.

"Now for the Postscript. It begins with the chapter cigar which we all know full well, and in a page or two takes up Tobacco. Our unemployed hand involuntarily reaches over for the well colored corn cob, and in so doing knocks the Illinois volume to the floor, buttered side down. It was still lying there the next morning, but under it were two sheets from some unknown source, which the printer swears came up with our copy, and he is not going to cut it out to please nobody at the eleventh hour. As he weighs fully fifty pounds more than we do, the fragment has to go for what it is worth:

"'BANQUETS.

"'Joe Spieler, who so effectually guards the inner door of his mother lodge that there is barely a quorum present except on banquet night, often remarks, "How those fellows do eat when they get the chance at a free lunch. They only stop long enough either to take breath or to look around for a schooner." As Joe never saw anything larger than an old-time stern-wheeler, he really wouldn't know whether a sailing vessel had three masts or five or may be seven, but his simile always provokes a smile from his unsophisticated auditors. Possibly he meant three sheets in the wind. One has to know him quite well to really appreciate his dry humor.

"'Now Joe has no antipathy to banquets, per se, for along in June, when the sun is high and hot and the strawberries are beginning to look in the face like a country schoolma'am home on her annual vacation, it's always Joe that moves the inevitable "allow me, worshipful sir, if not out of order, to suggest that a week from tonight we have a little blowout, with plenty of berries, ice cream and things to go with them, not forgettin' the women folks," and hastily sits down pinkier than an early Wilson after a spring shower. The motion is never put, but always taken as the sense of the lodge, and the stewards proceed to get busy.

"'Well, the eventful evening turns up according to moonlight schedule, and Joe is the first one there, taking his station from mere force of habit, only regretting that the tyler had thoughtfully locked up the clothing the day before to prevent possible accidents. Joe thinks that his modest jewel is both bigger and better than that worn by the sovereign grand commander down at Washington, and would dearly love to show the visitors how bright he keeps his insignia of office. Although far from being a lady's man, on the contrary, Joe would not dare sit down at the foot of the table, or even eat with them, were it not strict orders from the east, or words to that effect, which no true craftsman could disobey, knowingly or wittingly. The old veterans slip by, singly and in pairs, and soon the alarm is given downstairs, "Here they come, at last." Joe springs to his feet, coming to order according to the latest ritual, and'

"The apartments were strictly searched, but the remainder of this interesting tale must either have been lost in transit or died a-bornin', as it could not be found. So much for smoking while at labor."

How is this for a recollection of one's youth?

"Under New Jersey the following stray pearl is discovered among the rubbish:

"'As to religious matters, it suffices to say that we are a Presbyterian. It is remarkable how much that one word connotes.'

"It certainly suggests to the writer a youthful experience of strict rules, tedious sermons, cold meals, no play of any kind, long catechisms, no hanging up of stockings on Christmas Eve, and nothing that would relieve the torture of a hateful Sunday. But why was all this sprung on New Jersey? What's Comp. Haines been doing to you-uns, and we-uns knowing nothing about it?"

His review of Pennsylvania occupies about half a page, but we forgive him for its brevity, because of his loving and feeling remarks about the death of STOCKTON BATES. W. R. M.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi was held in the city of Greenville on February 17, 1916.

The Committee on Credentials reported that there were sixty-three Chapters represented and fifty-four Past High Priests were registered.

CLARENCE S. CULLENS, Grand High Priest.

The minutes of the proceedings of the previous year were doubtless approved, although there is no mention made of that fact.

A telegram was sent to Mrs. E. G. DeLap, of Natchez, conveying the love of the Grand Chapter and praying God's richest blessings on her and hers, to which Mrs. DeLap made appropriate response.

There is nothing on the record to show who this estimable lady is, but she is certainly one of God's Elect, judging by the fervor of the telegrams. Just what is her relation to the Grand Chapter the writer has been unable to fathom, as she is not a Mason nor a member of Grand Chapter. It is enough to know that the Grand Chapter *loved* her and for strangers to speculate about her is an impertinence. She is a lovely woman, with all the sweetness and purity that characterizes her sex. God bless her is the Marconigram we send her from Pennsylvania.

The report of the Grand High Priest was clear and succinct and stated that the progress of Capitular Masonry showed a progress that compared favorably with previous years.

The Masons of Mississippi have gone back to the custom of the Apostles and "have things in common." It appears that there is one "lone typewriter" used in common by the Masons, and as the Grand Secretary was one of the users, and the typewriter was sadly in need of repair, the Grand Secretary thought that it should be exchanged for a new one and the Grand Chapter ought to pay the difference in exchange and the Grand High Priest agreed with him and authorized the payment of the difference.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the receipts (including balance last year of $7075.25) were $14,264.60; disbursements $6764.41; leaving a balance, February 1, 1916, of $7500.19.

In submitting his report the Grand Secretary states that during the year more degrees have been conferred and more Chapters have paid on time than before. The present membership is 4272.

Companion Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. This is his Seventh Annual Report and a perusal of the same well justifies his annual reappointment. It is well written, and he carefully digests the several Grand Jurisdictions. He devotes more than two pages to Pennsylvania.

He excerpts the following critique of our lamented STOCKTON BATES upon the proceedings of Mississippi of 1914:

"Mississippi for 1914 fell to the lot of Companion Stockton Bates, who favored us with three pages of kind fraternal review, from which we excerpt:

"Under the topic—Schools of Instruction, we read:

" 'Good work in exemplifying the Royal Arch Degrees is the basis of our growth in numbers and quality of membership. I recommend that we have one School of Instruction at a central point, and I urge that every Chapter send a Representative, and that the Representative should study and learn the verbiage before the time of meeting. The School should be for advanced pupils and not a kindergarten.'

"Just how the good work done in the Chapter can be the 'basis of growth in numbers and quality of membership' we fail to understand, in view of the fact that the petitioners cannot have seen it and, therefore, could not know whether the work was well done or not. Degrees, properly and effectively staged, cannot fail to hold members, but growth can only come from practically the same desire that rested in the heart of the petitioner for the Entered Apprentice Degree. He must be 'prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge.' Now, that favorable opinion can only be had by an observance of the walk and conversation of those believed to be members; by a study of the fruits that fall from the Masonic tree and a 'desire of knowledge.'

"If the same amount of effort were used to spread the esoteric meaning underlying all Masonic teaching that is given to the exoteric, can it be questioned that the result would be greater. Not work, not numbers only, but workers in the Capitular field that can point the deep meaning, the sublime teaching underlying the symbol."

How that brings back to us in Pennsylvania the memory of that great man and demonstrates the trenchant character of his criticisms.

In concluding his report Companion MCKAY calls to the attention of the Grand Chapter the necessity of presenting to the thoughtful consideration of Master Masons the Royal Arch Degree as the completion

of the Master's Degree and adds to his report a copy of a pamphlet by Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, of Kansas City, Missouri, entitled "The necessity of the Royal Arch to the Master Mason."

The election resulted in the elevation of Companion JOHN J. MCINTOSH to the position of Grand High Priest.

W. R. M.

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## MISSOURI.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in Kansas City on April 25, 1916, and called to order at ten A. M. M. E. Companion OLAF A. LUCAS, Grand High Priest.

The photograph of the Grand High Priest adorns the first page. It shows a man of handsome face, high brow and of great intellectuality, which is substantiated by a perusal of his address. The biographical sketch informs us that he is an Honored Judge of the Circuit Court Division No. 2, of Jackson County, Missouri.

The Grand High Priest is not only well grounded in the law, but he is also well acquainted with the First Great Light of Freemasonry, as is evidenced by the following excerpt from the preliminary remarks of his address:

"Companions:—I bid you a hearty welcome, and earnest greeting, as we again assemble for our Annual Convocation. I trust we come imbued with the spirit of the tenets of our institution.

"This meeting marks an epoch in our history. 'The days of our years are three score years and ten.' The measured length of a life has come, but what of our institution? Are we maintaining its foundation principles and building and adding to the beauty of the superstructure by our daily lives?

"The allotted time of man may come; the period of his activity be limited, but his works, if good, live on, and the institutions he may establish to help his fellowman go on with the cycles of time in ever-broadening influence. May we so build that we can say with the Psalmist:

"'And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.'"

In his address he refers to a question of a dispute over Jurisdiction, a question that is always vexatious. Judge Lucas showed his legal acumen and displayed the wisdom of King Solomon; there was merit in each disputant, as there seemed to be an irreconcilable conflict in the law of the Grand Chapter. The Judge refused to make a ruling that would have been arbitrary and recommended that both disputing Chapters exercise *concurrent* jurisdiction until the Grand Chapter correct the law and recommended the Grand Chapter to correct the law and definitely determine the law for the future.

On the manner of the work the Grand High Priest decided as follows:

"Though there is no restriction on the number that may be taken through the perambulations, but not more than nine can be taken through the veils at one time and in regard to this, when it comes to obligating them each team of three must be obligated separately, and in the ceremony of the last discovery and in the investiture, this must be done with each team of three separately."

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| The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show that the debit of the Grand Treasurer on April 8, 1916, was | $20,508.55 |
| Receipts from all sources | 16,088.40 |
| Total resources | $36,596.95 |
| Disbursements | 16,973.46 |
| Balance April 12, 1916 | $19,623.49 |

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| The report of the Grand Secretary showed that the membership in 1914 was | | 14,703 |
| Exaltations during the year | 1191 | |
| Affiliated | 165 | |
| Reinstated | 55 | 1,411 |
| Total membership | | 16,114 |

The accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were audited by a public accountant, a somewhat novel procedure to the writer, but undoubtedly a good one.

In the report of the Committee on Necrology the following mention is made of Pennsylvania's distinguished dead.

"PENNSYLVANIA.

"George Washington Kendrick, Jr., Past Grand High Priest, was born in Philadelphia, July 31, 1841, and died at his home in that city, February 26, 1916, in his seventy-fifth year. He was elected Grand Commander in 1881, Grand High Priest in 1884 and 1885, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1886, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1906 and 1907. He was connected with important financial institutions and served in both branches of the city government. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of City Trusts. He was a member of the

Convention which planned the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, and from the organization of the Board of Managers in 1884, was elected Vice-President, and in 1911 became President. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Northminster Presbyterian Church thirty-seven years.

"Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary, was born February 4, 1843, and died at his home in Philadelphia, March 12, 1916, aged seventy-three years. He became Assistant Grand Secretary in 1902 and was elected Grand Secretary in 1913. Previous to this service, he had acquired a national reputation as a writer of Correspondence Reports."

The saying "I am from Missouri" has become famous throughout the United States. The Grand Chapter of Missouri has evidently become innoculated with the same bacillus, and it requires *proof* of efficiency of a Chapter and forfeited a Charter because the said Chapter had not only not paid its dues to the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years, but had also *failed to hold any meetings.* Certainly a proper punishment.

The time for holding the election having arrived the Grand High Priest appointed the Tellers, who reported that Companion GEORGE T. BURNHAM was duly elected Grand High Priest. He was duly installed.

Capitular Masonry always recognizes the debt of gratitude it owes to its "dead." The Grand Chapter of Missouri sets apart several pages in the proceedings for that purpose. Two separate pages are adorned with a cut of a monument. Surmounting it is a representation of an angel, a woman, as all women are angels. On the face of the monument is the mark, with its symbolic words, and underneath it

the words "Holiness to the Lord," and the inscription: "This page is set apart to the memory of 'Our Fraternal Dead' from other Jurisdictions." At the base are the words "They were good men and true." A similar monument on another page contains on its face the names of the Past High Priests who died during the year, and on its base the words "They have wrought their regular hours and are entitled to wages."

Then follows several pages containing the names of the deceased Companions, with the dates of their death. These pages are surrounded with heavy black borders.

The idea is beautiful, artistic and touching and should be emulated by other Jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretary certified certain amendments and approved decisions. Among them is the following, which is truly Masonic:

"A Brother was elected to receive the degrees in a subordinate Chapter. Before the conferring of any of the degrees, a Companion made oral objection outside of the Chapter to the High Priest thereof.

"Question:

"First: Does this objection stand good?

"Second: Is it obligatory to investigate the objection and, if it is made purely for personal reasons, and is not a proper one, ignore it?

"First: Held that the objector must make his oral objection in open Chapter, or he must make his objection in writing and sign the same, and that the objection thus made should be noted on the records of the Chapter.

"Second: If an objection is made as above stated, the Chapter has no authority to determine whether or not it is a proper one. This is a privilege and a right given to a member of the Chapter, and cannot be inquired into by the Chapter."

Then follows the report of Companion JOHN HENDERSON MILLER, Fraternal Correspondent. He is not only a wit, but also a poet. *Vide* the following introduction to his report:

"*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri:*

"Companions:—Let it be known to all of you that Missouri occupied the leading position on the official journey to San Francisco to the Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

"Where the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Missouri went, the Representatives of all the other Grand Chapters followed. If we climbed a steep mountain-side, the whole body joined in the ascent. When we stopped, they stopped. Even the General Grand High Priest followed Missouri from Colorado Springs to San Francisco, and we landed him safe and sound on the Pacific coast, for which he doubtless felt very thankful.

"In the long line of Pullmans, which made up the Official Train, Missouri's car was the one nearest the engine.

"In view of the fact that we occupied such an important position, the following lines are dedicated to the Grand Chapter which made the name of Missouri, like Abou en Adhem's name, 'lead all the rest':

"THE LOST WORD.

" Adown the winding stream of time,
In sweetest song and old-time rhyme,
There comes a story of a Word,
Most powerful word man ever heard,
The name of Him who only spoke
And worlds on worlds to life awoke.
This word, so runs the ancient tale,
Spoken behind the Temple's veil
By High Priest's lips but once each year,
By chance was lost to tongue and ear.
From day of loss through ceaseless time
Strict search was made in ev'ry clime,
In valleys low, on mountains high,
Where rivers run, where wheat-fields lie,
Through forests deep, o'er trackless main,
That man might speak that WORD again.

The ages came, the ages went,
And men, on fruitless search intent,
Forgot the voice that sang the song,
Forgot the hand that led them 'long,
Forgot the torch which lit the way,
Forgot the dawn that broke the day.
Long years had come, long years had gone,
When came a bright and golden dawn,
When voice with sweetest note was heard,
'The Royal Arch has found the WORD.'

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"After a few introductory remarks of a sermon, a young preacher said, in the hearing of your Correspondent, 'We will now lay aside all circumlocution and paraphernalia of sermonical exordiums and come down to the desideratum of the text.' Following his example, our aeroplane circled over the southland and touched the earth in the statehouse grounds in Montgomery, Alabama."

Companion MILLER is certainly *sui generis*. He digests the proceedings of the different States and then follows each one with his supplemental remarks. These remarks scintillate with mirth, eloquence, wisdom and religious feeling. They are like the faucets of a diamond of the first water and as valuable and priceless. They are like a symphony. Sometimes they strike the major chord of a Magnificat; sometimes the minor chord of a Miserere. We can assure him the following from his supplemental remarks on Pennsylvania are highly appreciated by the Capitular Masons of Pennsylvania, who loved and honored STOCKTON BATES, of whom the writer is the unworthy successor.

"SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

"The Report on Correspondence covers two hundred and twenty pages. The Proceedings from all the Grand Chapters were divided among five Correspondents. Companion Stockton Bates reviewed the Proceedings from

Missouri, and every Royal Arch Mason in Missouri, figuratively speaking, removes his hat and makes a low bow. The honor done to Missouri in quoting so freely from different portions of the Proceedings is fully appreciated. It would not be possible for Companion Stockton Bates to write a dull and uninteresting report on Correspondence. He makes the Jurisdictions assigned to him for review feel that life is worth living after all, and that as such a critic as he is a friend in need.''

W. R. M.

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## MONTANA.

Each book of proceedings is embellished with a fine photograph of the Grand High Priest, E. E. SWEENEY, Grand High Priest 1912-1913; ROBERT W. GETTY, Grand High Priest 1913-1914, and H. C. SMITH, Grand High Priest 1914-1915.

On the page next the photograph is a biographical sketch of the life of the Grand High Priest. It is short, succinct, not lengthy or fulsome, but to the point. It also contains his *Masonic record.*

By looking at the photograph and reading the biographical sketch, we can see the reason for his elevation to his exalted position of High Priest and, although strangers, can realize the appropriateness of said exaltation.

### 1913.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Helena. E. E. SWEENEY was Grand High Priest 1912-1913. In his address he shows that during his regime there was a total membership of 2062, an increase of 122 for the year.

Among his decisions was one to the effect that a brother who had lost the fingers of his right hand, including his thumb, practically at knuckle joint, was qualified for membership in a Chapter.

Following the address of the Grand High Priest are the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand Royal Arch Captain.

The report of the Grand Secretary, CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., starts off with the following from the Correspondence Report of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:

"While this Grand Chapter (Montana) is numerically small, having but eighteen chartered Subordinate Chapters and three under Dispensation, with a total membership of 1788, there is an air about it that betokens one of the most alive, up-to-date Capitular bodies in the United States. The whole tone of the Proceedings in buoyant with the reports of work well done, of enthusiasm among the Craft and yet all tempered with that respect and reverence for the Landmarks of the Constitution, that shows a true appreciation of the principles of Capitular Masonry. Surely, the Companions of Montana have been fortunate in the selection of Grand Officers who can bring about such results."

With such encomium from that Prince of Correspondents, the honored and lamented STOCKTON BATES, whom we regarded in Pennsylvania as *sui generis* in his knowledge of Capitular Masonry, it is no wonder that Companion HEDGES points with pride to the eulogy.

The total membership was 2062, and the exaltations 173.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a healthy increase in receipts. Just here the writer would make a suggestion, not in the spirit of carping criticism, but as a means of helping correspondents of other Jurisdictions. It is this: If the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer would make a resume in their reports for the current year it would be a great help.

The report of the Committee on "Doings of Grand Officers" is signed by the Committee, GEORGE T. SLACK, H. D. HEPNER and E. E. BLUMENTHAL, and is "rich, rare and racy." *Vide* the following excerpt:

"We rejoice that 'Steve' was given a chance to visit Virginia City, where, judging from his report, he must have spread liberally the cement and sunshine of his charming presence that fertilize the barren placer tailings into a fruitful garden of fragrance and beauty. His thousand virtues overpower the one fault of our beloved Grand Secretary, in failing to print our last year's Proceedings in time, thus penalizing our bachelor 'Toby' to produce twins this year."

## 1914.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held on September 15, 1914, at Butte. DR. ROBERT W. GETTY, Grand High Priest.

In the biographical history of his life it is stated that he is the third member of the medical profession to reach the position of Grand High Priest in the Grand Chapter of Montana. It is also stated that he comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry, "a race that has proven dominant in so many fields of activity, and nowhere in a greater degree than in America."

Inasmuch as the writer comes from the same glorious stock he gives a hearty Methodist "Amen" to the above sentiments.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a gem and is evidence that Companion GETTY is an artist—a word-painter. Witness the following:

"While we contemplate the devastation of war that is rending the Eastern Hemisphere, leaving its trail of bloodshed and death, its thousands and tens of thousands of bereaved homes, its widows, and fatherless children, as we realize that the best of the manhood, the bone and sinew of those great world powers is being offered as a sacrifice on the altar of their nation's glory, when we contemplate the sorrow and hardship, the hunger and privation that must fall upon those peaceful homes and of the burden of debt that is to be the inheritance of generations yet unborn, we cannot but bend our knees in a prayer of thanksgiving that our own fair land is spared war's ravages and breathe the prayer of hope that it will so continue until time shall be no more."

Again, listen to this. Its deep diapason strikes the chord of memory and causes the exquisite strains of Bryant's *Thanatopsis* to again reverberate through the corridors of your heart.

"Before entering upon the business of the hour, let us pause to bear in memory, those who since our last Grand Chapter have passed through the Veils of our Earthly Tabernacle and entered into the Holy of Holies on High, eternal in the Heavens; for until we hear the sound of the muffled oar, and cross the silent sea to the Twilight's purple hills, it will be ours to do what angel hands covet to perform—to bring tribute to the memory of the youth in life's green spring, he who goes forth in the full strength of years, matron and maid, the sweet babe and the gray-headed man, who sleep the mystic sleep of death."

One of the decisions of Grand High Priest GETTY is interesting and instructive. It is as follows:

"A Companion affiliating with a Chapter in this Jurisdiction should have his mark recorded in the Book of Marks, *even though it be identical with one recorded in the book.*"

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that the receipts (including a balance of $2584.93) were $5762.44.

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| The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts to be | $5762.44 |
| Less balance in bank September 16, 1913 | 2584.93 |
| Actual receipts for year 1913-1914 | $3177.51 |

*Disbursements.*

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| Bonds to Masonic Home Endowment | $1000.00 |
| Warrants paid | 1242.43 |
| | $2242.43 |
| Balance in bank September 14, 1914 | 3520.01 |
| | $5762.44 |

The above report illustrates the criticism previously made by the writer. In order to ascertain the actual receipts and disbursements it necessitated a computation by him, as the actual receipts and expenditures could only be ascertained by such computation.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives no resume of the membership at the beginning and closing of the current year, but states that the number of the exaltations were 175. While, regretting that no new Chapters have been added to the roll during the current year, yet "the Masonic activity in the Jurisdic-

tion and the number of new Lodges being organized is a harbinger of Capitular growth that must inevitably follow."

Companion H. S. HEPNER presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and from the fact that he presented the report and was a member of the Committee in 1913, and also in 1914, the writer is sure that he is the "guilty" party who is responsible for the excerpt quoted by the writer from the report of the Committee in 1913, and also for the following:

"It is the privilege of your Committee, now accepted as a Capitular Landmark, to volunteer comments on the 'Doings of the Grand Officers.' We note that during the past year the Grand King and Grand Scribe, though arrayed in all the glorious vestments of King Solomon, 'toiled not, neither did they spin,' but let the Grand High Priest do practically all the work.

"For some reason known only to himself, Grand High Priest Getty, like his predecessors, shirked the pleasure of visiting Virginia City. We can assure him that the vigilantees' claims in him have expired by the statute of limitations, and it is safe for him to go there, and 'Steve's' guilelessness should not be imposed on any longer by sending him to the early seat of war. The Royal Red Craft led by a red-headed general should have braved Virginia City."

Companion HEPNER must be a "treasure-trove," and we congratulate him upon his jocundity, which is only equalled by his urbanity.

## 1915.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Great Falls on September 14, 1915. HENRY C. SMITH, Grand High Priest.

From the biographical sketch we learn that he is the first Smith to occupy the position of Grand High Priest in Montana—quite remarkable—as the ubiquitous Smiths in our Jurisdiction are many. Like SMITH of Montana, they are all workers and lovable men.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an able one, and after alluding to the war in Europe, makes use of the following patriotic words:

"At no time since the Civil War has our grand old Ship of State sailed in such tempestuous seas. But we have faith in the ship which has braved other perilous voyages and shall not despair of her safety. We must be loyal to the crew and all hands help to prevent our being drawn into the frightful maelstrom which has engulfed the greater part of Europe and threatens all not already involved. This is no time to criticize the navigator's chart. We must do nothing to throw the good ship off its course, but as members of this craft, and as loyal citizens of this State and Nation, we must stand by our Captain while he tries to the best of his ability to direct the Ship of State among the rocks and shoals in this time of rough seas."

Pretty good advice for us all, Republicans, Democrats and Progressives.

Grand High Priest SMITH was "instant in season and out of season" in his labors for Capitular Masonry in Montana. He traveled 5410 miles in visiting the different Chapters, and instead of boasting of his work, modestly says:

"While I have not accomplished all I had hoped for, I have given my time without stint and covered as much of the work as I could."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that the receipts (including a balance from last year of $3520.01) was $5876.01.

The expenditures shows cash in hand of $1894.23, and $2900 investments.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that there are twenty-three chartered Chapters, but there is no resume of the membership.

Companion HEPNER was Chairman of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, but the report lacks the jocundity of his former reports. As you read the following excerpt you cannot but regret the delightful "twang," so pronounced in his former reports:

"During the past Capitular year our good Grand High Priest ruled supreme. Abortive was his attempt to have the Deputy Grand High Priest and Scribe do even an eleventh hour share of the day's work. Unpretentious, not only in name but in his demeanor and conduct, our Grand High Priest has performed during the past year a full day's labor in our Capitular Vineyard, and has fully earned his symbolic day's pay in the love, esteem and admiration of his Companions. His visits to the Chapters have been a blessing and inspiration to continued effort and labors in producing work that will pass inspection."

W. R. M.

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## NEBRASKA.

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska met December 23, 1916, in the Freemasons' Hall, at Omaha, at four P. M., CHAUNCEY L. WATTLES, Grand High Priest.

It was opened in *Ample Form,* and after the appointment of several Committees the Grand High Priest delivered his address. It was short, clear and to the point. He referred feelingly to the deaths of the Grand Lecturer and Grand Royal Arch Captain. Among his decisions was the following important one:

"Under date of July 5, 1916, I received a letter from Companion Perry G. Shanstrom, High Priest of Jordan Chapter No. 27, St. Paul, Nebraska, stating that an objection had been made by a Companion Royal Arch Mason to the conferring of the Royal Arch degree upon a Brother Most Excellent Master, and asking for instructions how to proceed. My instructions were as follows: 'You will present to the Chapter at its next regular meeting a simple statement of all the facts, stating that an objection has been made to the conferring of the Royal Arch degree on one of the candidates, giving his name. It is not necessary for you to give the name of the objector. The companion making the objection should be afforded an opportunity to state his objections to the Chapter if he cares so to do. The Chapter will then proceed to consider whether it is sufficient to prevent the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, and will dispose of the objection by vote, a secret ballot not being necessary. If two-thirds of the members present, voting in the usual manner, are in favor of overruling the objection, your Chapter can proceed to confer the degree.' "

It occurs to the writer that, in justice to the Companion objected to and the Chapter, the objecting Companion should have been compelled to state his objections *openly* to the Chapter.

He had allowed the Companion objected to to be elected, to receive his Mark and Most Excellent Degrees. If the cause of the objection occurred *after* the conferring of the Most Excellent Degree, *a fortiori* was it due the Chapter to know it, because they had elected him and he had been given the preceding degrees.

If the objection were a good one, the Companions present were under obligation to keep *secret* what takes place in the Chapter Hall. The fact that a *secret* ballot was not necessary, in case the objector stated his objections *publicly* to the Chapter, indicates that the objector was not protected by the sanctity of the ballot. A proper regard for the honor of the Chapter *justifies a public objection to an unworthy Candidate.* Of course, the writer does not presume to call in question the decision of the Grand High Priest, as it was doubtless made in accordance with the law of Nebraska.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance in the Treasury of $9614.02.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed that there has been 294 exaltations during the year and that the number of Royal Arch Masons on November 1, 1916, was 5240.

The Grand Chapter adjourned at six P. M. to partake of a *dinner,* prepared for them by the hospitality of Omaha Chapters.

That word "dinner" sounds good to the writer. It was not a *banquet,* with its courses and speeches, but a good homelike *dinner, with no speeches.*

The Grand Chapter reassembled at nine A. M., and after the reports of the Committee on Credentials and Semi-Centennial Celebration were received and

adopted the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Companion CARROLL D. EVANS, as Grand High Priest, who, with the other elected officers, was duly installed.

In the Addenda to the Law of Royal Arch Masonry there was an amendment which forbids Chapters to enact laws creating life memberships or exempting members from the payment of dues.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest FRANK E. BULLARD, who commences it with a Phillipic against the General Grand Chapter, in which he says that at the meetings very little important business is transacted and that "the main business is a grand junket." He says further:

"The address of M. E. Companion Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest, is an interesting document, being in the main a comprehensive résumé of his official acts. Under the head of Statistics he reported 462,292 active members in the Chapters of the United States of America, and said that should the numerical increase continue in the same relative proportion, and the power and influence increase in the same proportion, in a few years it would be difficult to estimate the power for good which this society exercises in the world. To this we dissent, even if it be declared high treason. We don't believe that of the 462,000 Royal Arch Masons there are 62,000 who know that there is a General Grand Chapter. We don't believe that Royal Arch Masonry exercises any good in the world; we don't believe that its founders intended that it should; the only reason for the existence of a Chapter is the completion of the Master's degree. Masonic influence for good in the world is, and should be, confined to the symbolic lodges and the Grand Lodges, and the brother who prates of the higher degrees lacks a wholesome conception of what real Masonry is. A building may be severely plain or rich with ornamentation; in either case its strength lies in its foundation. It follows, therefore, as we have said before, that we are not in sympathy with the so frequently expressed desire to make Royal Arch Masons by solicitation or persuasion. Let the real truth-seekers ask for it."

We do not hold a brief for Royal Arch Masonry, but we must demur to his *ipse dixit* statement that "Royal Arch Masonry exercises any good in the world." No doubt but that there are thousands of Masons, Symbolic as well as Capitular, who fail to grasp the spiritual teachings of the several degrees. The writer cannot understand why he pours out the vials of his wrath upon the Royal Arch and anoints the Symbolic Mason with the Chrism of Holy Oil.

The Symbolic Mason, who really understands the Spiritual teachings of the Blue Lodge, who practices out of the Lodge the principles of religion and morality taught within it, is the Mason whose Spiritual nature will expand and grow by incorporating into his life the truths of the Capitular Degrees. The Mark Degree teaches the danger of the first wrong step in the case of the imposter. He was first, lazy, otherwise he would not have had the time to pass through the quarries instead of being at work; next, he was a thief, because he appropriated to himself the beautiful pieces of the work that he knew did not belong to him; next, he tried to obtain wages by false pretense and would have suffered the penalty his imposition and wrongdoing warranted, had not mercy been extended to him instead of justice.

Let a man get into his mind the dangers of the first evil step and the consequences thereof, and he will try to avoid them.

Then, again. Who has not been thrilled, as he understands the necessity of every man making *his*

*mark* in the world. It is as natural as to breathe for every one to desire *success, and success* can only come by careful attention to details and industry, by differentiating his work from that of his fellows, whether it be professional, business or mechanical, by putting his *own mark* on it, so that when the time comes for payment he will get his reward, because he was "a good and faithful servant."

If a man can pattern his life on the love portrayed by St. Paul, in that grand Epic of 1 Corinthians, "his wings will be sprouting" and "his life will be full of duties well performed and days well spent."

Then comes the Most Excellent Degree and teaches the exultation of obtaining *results.*

For over seven years the Craftsmen had been working day and night upon a building, which for magnificence has never been equalled and for costliness has never been excelled, a building which was "the admiration of the surrounding tribes and the wonder of the world"; a building, whose beauty and glory caused the Queen of Sheba to come from Arabia Felix to Jerusalem to see it, and which, as she turned to take a last look at it, which in the distance and under the burning rays of the Meridian Sun appeared to her like a mountain of snow, burning with innumerable lamps and flames of fire, and to shield her eyes from its bright effulgence caused her to raise her left hand to protect them.

Was it not a cause of exultation to them to realize that their labor had not been in vain, that it was their masterpiece?

No wonder that they dedicated it with great joy and solemnity. No wonder God indicated His approval by a miracle. No wonder that Solomon was inspired to deliver that incomparable prayer. No wonder that the people bowed themselves with their faces to the pavement and blessed and praised the Lord. Seven years of hard work had brought *great results.*

Every man has ideals after which he is striving. What an incentive to us all to seek *high ideals* and then work assiduously to attain them, for then we shall get *our reward.*

Then comes the greatest lesson of all the Capitular Degrees, that of the Royal Arch, *the search after God.* Just as the *Word* was lost, so God seems to be lost in some of our hearts. The weeds of sin and selfishness have grown so dark and dense that they have hidden Him. Thank God, He is not lost. He is within us. We must tear away the weeds, root and branch, and let His love into our hearts. Like the blessed sunlight, and instead of weeds will bloom beautiful flowers, whose fragrance will perfume our lives and make us a perennial delight to all with whom we are brought into contact, and a blessing to the world.

Men seek wealth, honor and fame, and give their heart's blood and unremitting labor, and if they attain them they turn to ashes and are as bitter as the apples of Sodom.

To seek after and *find* God brings the highest and greatest *results*—happiness, contentment, and all that makes life worth living. Excuse me, Companion, I did not intend giving a lecture on the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry, but I am always thrilled when I think of the moral teachings of Capitular Masonry.

Companion BULLARD'S reviews of the different jurisdictions are short, but to the point and full of wit and wisdom. He does not always agree with what is done in the several jurisdictions, but his criticisms are always tinged with the true fraternal spirit.

In his review of Pennsylvania he says, among other things, the following:

"We are becoming more and more convinced that the qualifications of our candidates for the symbolic lodges are not high enough. It is not enough to be free born and of lawful age; it is too easy to be well recommended; committees do not pay very much attention to the intellectual or even the moral qualifications of the man who knocks at our door, and the doors are ofttimes opened too easily. Every candidate who is admitted who lacks intelligence and the moral fibre that is required in a good Mason lowers the tone of the lodge admitting him.

"We heard recently that at a meeting of a Committee on Jurisprudence composed of Past Grand Masters, it was suggested that an effort be made to put the Grand Lodge on record in the interest of prohibition and that four or five members of the committee left the room, and we submit that there was something lacking in the fundamental qualification of a society which ought to stand for civic righteousness. We are not absolutely a total abstainer,

but we do believe that the door of a saloon is one of the doors to hell, not only hereafter, but here and now.

"It may be that our views will meet with criticism; we will take it kindly."

The writer fully agrees with him, but suggests that it may be that a proper appreciation of the moral obligations taught in the Blue Lodge may improve the moral stamina of the new member.

His conclusion to his report is particularly fine:

"CONCLUSION.

"*Companions of Nebraska:*

"This review is before you; it was written for your edification, that you might, without too much trouble, get some idea of what is being done in other jurisdictions, and compare their accomplishments or failures with our own. If you do not read it, or if you do read it and are not edified, our work has been time ill spent and your money wasted.

"We have taken up every report with the mental question: 'What is this Grand Chapter doing, not only for the betterment of its members, but for the uplift of mankind? What benefactions is it fostering?' and at the close we are obliged to say in most cases very little, in many nothing.

"We know that many weak Chapters would become stronger if their interest could be aroused in some worthy object outside of the guarded entrance to the Tabernacle. With us the increasing interest in our Home at Plattsmouth and our Orphanage at Fremont helps, but it is not enough. Get out of your shells, and by doing something for the advancement of civic righteousness, extend your influence in the community.

"FRANK E. BULLARD, P. G. H. P.,
"*For the Committee.*"

W. R. M.

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## NEVADA.

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held in the Masonic Temple in Reno, on June 12, 1916. Grand High Priest SYDNEY FOSTER.

It convened at twelve o'clock, M. The morning session was short. The Grand High Priest appointed the Committee on Credentials and the Grand Chapter then adjourned, having been invited to luncheon at the Riverside Hotel, as the guests of Reno Chapter No. 7. Included in this invitation were the ladies accompanying the members of the Grand Chapter. The fact that the ladies accompanied the Companions is strong evidence of *preparedness* on the part of said ladies, as they were not going to allow their husbands to go *alone* to Reno, which is famous the world over for divorces.

Seriously, however, the idea of having their wives with them is a good one, as a man's enjoyment is always enhanced by the presence of his loved ones.

The Grand Chapter reconvened at two P. M. and the Committee on Credentials made their report. In accordance with the custom of Nevada, the Ambassadors representing other Grand Jurisdictions, were officially received. As their names were called they advanced to the Altar and were welcomed by Past Grand High Priest HENRY W. MILES in an eloquent address, from which we quote the following:

"IN MEMORIAM.

"It is said that during the battle of Gettysburg, while the surrounding hills shook with the roar of mighty cannon, there came a momentary calm. Not a gun was heard. In that lull a soldier listened to a linnet singing sweetly his song of peace and joy. Then came the crash of conflict.

"So it is in the battle of life. At times during the struggle there are songs of peace and joy. Likewise, my companions, there come brief pauses in the conflict when the notes of joy and peace are hushed and sorrow's song

is heard. Let us pause for a moment and pay tribute to our companions fallen asleep, remembering, however, that we Sons of Light, who rejoice in God, have a joy always in our hearts, a joy that sings on through all the roar of this world's battle—the song of immortality.

"'God of the living, in whose eyes
Unveiled Thy whole creation lies,
All souls are Thine: we must not say
That those are dead who pass away,
From this vain world set free;
We know them living unto Thee.'"

The address of the Grand High Priest is particularly impressive, especially the conclusion, from which we excerpt the following:

"IN CONCLUSION.

"The foundations of human nature permeate and saturate the universe. The potencies and possibilities of man are commensurate with nature. The individual intelligence of man is a spark from the universal intelligence. The whole meaning of individual life and the consummation of human evolution consist in man's realization of his possibilities, powers and destiny. Every moment of life is an experience of some kind. To think, to feel, to act, to sleep, to dream, aye, even in the 'dream of sleep' the individual intelligence exists, and the elements with which it is clothed keep moving.

"So far as human knowledge goes, matter and energy are inseparable, and the result is ceaseless movement, both within and without. When we are passive or asleep, readjustment takes place by a law of equilibrium that runs like a golden thread through the universe, involving atom, ion or molecule, cell, organ and organism, planet, solar system and universe. Otherwise harmony would be inconceivable, and the terms law and order meaningless.

"Companions, the coming Mason is he who wishes to know, is ready and begins to do, who realizes in doing the growth of understanding and the triumph of achievement. There is no power in the universe that can defeat him, nor even stay his progress, except himself.

"He is his own judge, jury and executioner; and he alone is responsible for the verdict, and knows perfectly whether it is just and true and that his first duty is to deal justly, love mercy and walk uprightly."

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance of $957.59.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives the receipts from the Chapters as $803.50. If the Grand Secretary would give a resume in his report of the condition of the Grand Chapter as to its membership, number of accessions, etc., it would be a help to correspondents of other jurisdictions. The writer, of course, understands that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, naturally, desire to show that all money received has been properly accounted for, which is always done, but for the information of the members of the Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters it would be well to give the *progress* of the Grand Chapter, without compelling examination of other parts of the report in order to ascertain the desired information. The writer feels that his remarks will be received by the Grand Secretary in the same fraternal spirit that prompted them. From the abstract of the returns of the subordinate Chapters it appears that there were 505 Royal Arch Masons in Nevada in 1916; that there were 13 exalted and 10 affiliated during the same period.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until five P. M., when, after the routine business they again adjourned until nine A. M. the next morning, when they again convened and later in the day elected Companion CHARLES H. GORMAN Grand High Priest, who was duly installed.

The writer must apologize to the Grand Secretary. When he made his friendly criticism he had not reached page 56 of the proceedings, as on that page is

given every data desired. He thought that it would be in the report of the Grand Secretary and hence did not look further. *Mea culpa.*

The Grand Secretary must be a lover of good poetry, an artist and a Latin scholar, all of which is evidenced by the memorial pages. On the first page is the following beautiful poem:

"*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada.*

"Companions:

"'In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is Charity.'

"Charity is the most important lesson of the capitular degrees. Not the charity that lends itself in liberality to the poor, but the charity that 'suffereth long and is kind.' It profiteth nothing if we bestow all our goods to feed the poor and have not charity. So taught the apostle of the Gentiles.

"In the symbolic degrees we are taught to live uprightly, to hurt nobody by word or deed, and to render unto every man his due. In the capitular degrees there are added unto these the lessons of industry, of wisdom, strength and beauty, of fervency and zeal, of purity, of holiness and a companionship that springs therefrom to bless us along the pathway of life.

"The lessons of the symbolic degrees inculcate faith, hope, obedience and the virtues that go to make up the good man, the good citizen. The candidate is taught that all are on the level and that he will be measured by what he is in life—what he is in his conduct, what he is in his character. In Masonry character is behind and backing up every effort in uplifting the social condition of the people and in awakening higher ideals of manhood and citizenship. John G. Carlisle said that the quality which will carry any movement of reform far higher and farther than any other is simply homespun strength of character, and Horace Greeley insisted that fame is a vapor; popularity an accident; riches take wing and fly away; those who cheer today will curse tomorrow; there is but one thing that endures—character. Its tremendous influence cannot be overestimated.

"Character is deepened and strengthened by the wondrous gift of charity. Its fullest expression comes through the Royal Arch. Through its power the heart is rid of self. It gives higher motives to every action of life and it enriches and ennobles the character of every companion."

The second page is headed

*Memento mori.*
*Holiness to the Lord.*
*In loving remembrance of our departed Companions who have descended the Arch and been exalted by Supreme Grand High Priest above.*

On the page devoted to the memory of Companions of other jurisdictions is the following exquisite gem:

"THE GARDENS OF IMMORTALITY.

"We do not sigh when golden skies have donned
The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
And we must wait a little while for light.
So when, grown weary with the care and strife,
Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave,
We should not weep, but learn to count this life
A prelude to the one beyond the grave."

The Grand Secretary is the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

To read his critiques of the different States is a liberal education and the writer has enjoyed them to the full and profited thereby. Were it not for the fact that the proceedings of Nevada came to his hands to review very late and that the printer is jumping with both feet upon his bald cranium (the writer's, not the printer's) it would be a delight, in his feeble way, to refer to them. Suffice it to say that they have impressed the writer, as they have already done to those who have had the privilege of reading his former reports on Fraternal Correspondence, with

their lucidity, their profundity and their loving spirit.

*Apropos* of his facetious remarks that we must be a bad lot in Penn's State because the Grand High Priest had appointed seven Chaplains, we would ask him to remember his Latin, *humanum est errare,* and to remember that we might be *worse.*

W. R. M.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held in the city of Concord on May 16, 1916. Grand High Priest Joseph E. Knight.

A fine picture of a "fine man" adorns the front page of the proceedings. Judging by his picture we would say that, although he is "*Knight*" by name, his genial countenance is as bright and sunny as the "*Day.*"

His address is most admirable and, like his face, radiates light. That part of his address devoted to Necrology contains the following exquisite quotation:

> "The curtain falls and the play is done.
> The tired actors, one by one
> Lay down the gown, the rags, the crown,
> That made them king, and sage and clown;
> And step out from the greenroom door,
> Each but a man and nothing more;
> And they leave the mimic joy and strife,
> To step outdoors into real life;
> And under the night sky's starflecked dome
> Adown the darkling roadway-home.

"Even as you and I, some day,
Will end earth's little passion play,
Lay by the wrappings of the stage,
That made us king, or clown or sage,
And step out from earth's greenroom door,
Only a man and nothing more.
We leave earth's mimic joy and strife
And enter there into Real Life,
And under High Heaven's Christ-arch dome
Through the grave's silent darkness home."

One of the decisions of the Grand High Priest is worthy of notice here. It was to the effect that a brother, who had one leg rigid, so as to be unable to bend the knee, was ineligible to receive the Chapter Degrees, because it would be impossible for the brother to receive or impart the G. and S. N.

Another decision was that a brother suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of his dues and also heavily in arrears to his Chapter was *not* automatically suspended from his Chapter, as it was a fundamental principle of Masonry that no member shall be deprived of his rights without a fair and impartial trial.

The Grand High Priest, however, considered suspension from the Lodge sufficient cause to prefer a charge.

In New Hampshire the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer do not make their reports to the Grand Chapter direct, but to the Committee on Finance, who pass upon the reports, audit the reports, examine the vouchers, and then the Committee on

Finance make their report, appending the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

It seems to the writer that this is a most admirable feature, as it saves time and labor of an Auditing Committee and puts an O. K. on the reports of the retiring officers.

There was an increase of membership during the year of forty-seven.

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| The receipts were | $4070.14 |
| Expenditures | 2005.44 |
| Balance | $2064.70 |

The report on Foreign Correspondence takes up more than 200 pages, and is signed by J. L. SEWARD, Chairman.

It must have been a Herculean task, and has been well and faithfully done. Before the writer was appointed by the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania as a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he often wondered why so much space was given to the report of this Committee and of what benefit to the fraternity was their report.

*He knows now* and can heartily endorse what Companion SEWARD and his Committee said in the following:

"As a fact these reports are read by many. We have been surprised to discover how many Companions read, enjoy and study them. They are instructive in many ways. For one thing, the decisions of the

different Grand High Priests are noted with interest. There is not an uniformity with respect to the rules and regulations of Grand Chapters. The differences will be noted and the probable differences in their worth will be discussed. This very discussion has led many Grand Chapters to make changes. Rules respecting physical qualifications, dependent membership, forms of application to be used by candidates, the methods to be pursued by Committees on character, the deportment of members at meetings, the proprieties of the banquet hall with respect to liquors and narcotics, and the matter of railroading, have all felt the influence of these discussions by the correspondence.''

*Apropos* the liquor question, the following remarks made by Companion WARVELLE, of Illinois, appear in the critique on Illinois:

''We can say with no violation of propriety, that no Mason would be a true gentleman who would use such articles in a Lodge or Chapter Hall consecrated to the purposes of Masonic ceremonials. The smoking rooms, dining-halls and other apartments are intended largely for what are called social functions. As respects alcoholic beverages, it would be a very comprising ethic that would allow their use in any part of any building consecrated to Masonic uses. Without discussing a man's right to use such articles in general we insist that the dividing line should be drawn at the threshold of any building, or apartment of a building, devoted to the uses of Freemasonry. Opposing arguments proceed from the principle that 'a wish is the father to the thought.' ''

To attempt to add to the force of the above argument would be as futile as to ''paint the lily or gild refined gold.''

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1906 and 1907. He was a great man and a true Mason. During his regime he issued an Edict, absolutely abolishing the use of liquor in the Masonic Temple, and thereby added imperishable glory to his fame.

In his review of Kansas, Companion SEWARD refers to the report of Companion MILLER, of the Committee on Correspondence of that State. Companion MILLER was reviewing the proceedings of Nevada, and had referred to the formal presentation of the Grand Representatives at the Convocation of Nevada. The response to the welcome was made by one who had evidently mounted Pegasus and was indulging in high flights of eloquence, dwelling at length upon the horrors of the European War. Companion SEWARD lassoed Pegasus and brought the steed to *terra firma* by the following humorous remarks:

"Secure in the impregnability of the wide plains of Arizona, or the fastnesses of Nevada ('as the case may be') with no fears of a devastating army devouring his potato or turnip crops, or shooting up his university towns, burning his libraries, or segregating him from his community at a hostage for a seven million dollar assessment, he seized the occasion to inject a few words on a topic which troubles the sleep most strongly of those beyond the possibility of submarines, floating mines, or even aeroplanes."

In his review of Nevada Companion SEWARD quotes the following allusion by the Grand High Priest of that State to those who had departed, and it is so beautiful, eloquent and touching that we also reproduce it:

"During the year an unusual number of our worthy Companions have passed the white veil and entered the everlasting sanctuary. They are missed, but why should we mourn? Death is but the transforming of the clay of life into the enduring bronze of eternity."

In the review of New Jersey he refers to the report of the Committee on Necrology, which was prefaced by the following exquisite, tender and truly poetic

words of STOCKTON BATES, that Prince of Israel, honored and revered in Pennsylvania, that we quote them *in extenso:*

"FRIEND DEATH.

"And, thou, who severest the dearest earthly ties,
Shall men revile thee? Know they not thou dost but serve
One infinite in love, in knowledge and in power?

"No truer friend hath all mankind. A touch, and all
Of woe we suffer here will cease and peacefully,
As if in sleep, our eyes will close.

"Earth's sufferings
Cannot invade thy realm. Thy Master and our God
Who doeth all things well, hath need of thee to lead
His shrinking children from the ills they suffer here."

This is a "gem" of "purest ray serene," and when compared with Tennyson's *In Memoriam,* Grey's *Elegy,* Bryant's *Thanatopsis,* or Longfellow's *Psalm of Life,* it scintillates with brilliancy that surpasses the others.

It is like a chrism prepared by the Great Physician to assuage the grief and agony of surviving friends.

Companion SEWARD states that the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey are in every respect a model volume and refers in glowing eulogy to the report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion HENRY S. HAINES, of that State. He quoted the introductory words of Companion HAINES, with approval, from which we excerpt the following:

"We feel the courage to indulge in comments, favorable or otherwise, upon matters coming to our notice, deemed by us of importance to the

Craft; firmly believing that Masonry demands of its votaries, that when occasion calls, no word should remain unspoken that may tend to strengthen its hold upon the hearts and minds of men, and to promote its influence in the noble mission of fostering in them a reverence for Him, who made them.''

In his critique of Oklahoma Companion SEWARD refers to certain Dispensations of the Grand High Priest of Oklahoma, which were granted for balloting out of the statutory time for the reason that it was "for the good of the order." Companion SEWARD dissents from this view in the following vigorous, but truly fraternal, language, and we so heartily endorse his sentiments that we quote:

The reason always given is that "the good of the order" demands it.

''It is a trying ordeal to refuse persistent applicants for such favors. As a matter of fact, the 'good of the order' would be best subserved by refusing them peremptorily at all times and under all circumstances. A precedent once established is precisely like a little hole that exists in a dam. It keeps growing larger, until the whole pond is let loose. The question does not hinge so much upon the worth of the men who wish to be rushed through. It may be fairly presumed that in nine out of ten cases they are worthy fellows, so far as that matter goes. Of course, there is always a chance that such is not the case. The trouble is the loose and slip-shod way in which Masonic work of that kind is done. It shows a reckless disregard of the dignity and solemnity that are due to the ceremonials, and gives the candidates the impression that taking Chapter Degrees is only removing a certain number of hindrances on the way to the Commandery and Shrine.''

Space will not allow any further consideration of this admirable report of Companion SEWARD, but his concluding remarks are so pertinent and contain the

result of his examination of the proceedings of the several Jurisdictions, that we quote part of them:

"We have been silently, but with no little difficulty around the Capitular world. We have met many old friends among the Grand High Priests and Correspondents. We have found them debating many of the old questions; but little by little unwise rules and regulations are being replaced by saner constitutions; little by little extreme and unreasonable interpretations of Landmarks, or of customs which were never Landmarks, are giving place to a more spiritual interpretation. Railroading candidates is a custom that is very rapidly disappearing. The habit lingers in only three or four Jurisdictions to any extent. Dependent membership has become almost a universal requirement. It is every day becoming easier for gentlemen of high intellectual attainment to enter the Order, notwithstanding physical imperfections that were once considered an insuperable obstacle to such advancement."

Of Companion SEWARD it may be truly said: "*Well done,* thou good and faithful servant."

W. R. M.

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## NEW JERSEY.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held at Trenton May 10, 1916, Grand High Priest FREDERICK J. MELVIN presiding. The Chapter Masons of New Jersey are *chefs* in preparing a literary cuisine. Before getting down to the heavy part of the *menu* they give an appetizer of eloquence and oratory. After the reading of the minutes and before the regular business of the session several distinguished guests were felicitously introduced, who made eloquent response.

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, GEORGE E. CORSON,

after being introduced by Companion HAINES and welcomed by Grand High Priest MELVIN, gave a magnificent address, from which we excerpt the following:

"We hear much nowadays about preparedness; preparedness comprehends many things, many purposes. The question of preparedness that is now agitating our people is as to our readiness to combat successfully the army or navy of any country that may descend upon us with hostile intent. Preparedness to maintain the honor of our country and the integrity of its flag. Our great and magnificent army of the Royal Craft, upon whose banner is emblazoned friendship, union, zeal and purity, is an army of peace and of goodwill towards the people of every nation and every clime, and not an army of slaughter, of destruction and of devastation. We as Royal Arch Masons advocate and practice in our weak human way brotherly love, ever keeping in mind the commandment to 'love our neighbor as ourselves.' But, my Companions, because of these teachings and of our being mindful thereof we are none the less patriots, lovers of our country. Though lovers of peace and haters of discord, we are *not* of those who are for peace at any price, but are for *peace with honor, with our rights and liberties unimpaired, and our integrity undefiled.* And thus, my Companions, should it be in the great moral warfare we as Royal Arch Masons are waging; waging for our brothers, our country, for humanity and ourselves. We cannot wage this war without due preparation; it is the great mission of Masonry, and especially of Royal Arch Masonry, to prepare us, to fit us for that warfare against the thousand and one evils that beset us on every hand to entice us from virtue's paths and the ways of righteousness. If successful in our contentions for the betterment of our fellowmen, for the good of society and the welfare of our country, what do we receive as a reward for our labors? Are we always actuated by that unselfish devotion and purpose which inspired those weary sojourners who came down from Babylon to Jerusalem to engage in a great and noble undertaking without the hope of fee or reward? If so, great will be our reward, even here, regardless of what there may be for us in the great beyond. No greater joy or satisfaction can come to a man or Mason than the knowledge and consciousness of good deeds performed that have brought help and happiness to his fellowmen. That, my dearly beloved Companions, is what makes this life of ours worth living. As Masons, as Royal Arch Masons, let our watchword, our motto, ever be 'Brotherhood.'

"It's the kindly hearts of earth that make
This good old world worth-while,
It's the lips with tender words that wake
The care-erasing smile.
And I ask my soul this question when
My goodly gifts I see:
Am I a friend to as many men
As have been good friends to me?

"When my brothers speak a word of praise
My wavering will to aid,
I ask if ever their long, long ways
My words have brighter made.
And to my heart I bring again
This eager, earnest plea:
Make me a friend to as many men
As are good staunch friends to me."

—*Nixon Waterman.*

This certainly was a *fillip* to the literary digestion and enabled the Companions to enjoy what followed.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his address, which was listened to most attentively and greatly appreciated by those present.

The following extract from the Necrological part of his address shows that the Grand High Priest has caught the diapason of the chorus of true Masonry, which reverberates through all its teachings that right thinking and right living alone can gain us admission through the White Veil to the Sanctuary above:

"While our Supreme High Priest has not required the presence before him of any of the officers or Past Grand Officers of this Grand Body during the year passed, his messenger has gathered freely of the members of the

Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. Seventeen of those who had been chosen to preside over the affairs our Subordinate Chapters in past years have been summoned to make their last report; and 123 of our Companions have been called to pass through the Veil which divides mortality from immortality.

> "'Happy the man whose thoughts will bear
> The rigid test of the unerring square,
> Who has through life the path of duty trod
> Steadfastly toward his Maker and his God.
> Seeking by deeds of Charity and Love
> To gain admission to that Lodge above;
> Knowing the stone, among Earth's rubbish cast,
> The Heavenly High Priest will accept at last.'

"In other Jurisdictions the toll has been heavy; thirty-two of the brightest and best-known members of our Royal Craft have entered the 'Unseen Tabernacle.'

"'We know that Death gives the wise and good to posterity. Their influences survive them; their works live after them; and their thoughts are not liable to decay and annihilation. In these we are immortal, and shall live—if we have deserved to do so—like the good and great men who have made laws, the statutes of morals, and the ordinances of equity, and justice, and religion, for all the generations that were to come after them and be their pupils and subjects.'"

There were no decisions made by the Grand High Priest, which proves that the Capitular Masons of New Jersey are well grounded in the laws of the Grand Chapter.

In New Jersey they evidently believe in making the Grand Officers "earn their living" by working in the subordinate Chapters. Accordingly the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe reported to the Grand Chapter what they had done in the Capitular Vineyard. They are hustlers, and well deserve the honors conferred upon them.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that there was cash on hand at the beginning of the Capitular year of ..... $5282.56
Receipts from the Grand Secretary of ..... 4406.25
Interest on deposits of ..... 57.23

$9746.04

And disbursements ..... 4974.02

Leaving a balance on hand of ..... $4772.02

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that the membership on December 31, 1914, was .....7646
Exalted during the year .....486
Reinstated ..... 13
Affiliated ..... 52

551

Deduct:
Dimitted ..... 75
Died .....140
Suspended ..... 65
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Making a total membership at end of year of .. 7917
And a total net gain of ..... 271

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are models and give a resume at the end that greatly helps the Reviewer and emphasizes the remarks of the writer upon the advisability of all reports of the Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries, making a resume in their reports.

The report of the Grand Trustees was received and ordered printed.

By this time the Grand Chapter, like true *gourmets,* realized that there was need of another appetizer. The Grand High Priest had a number of distinguished guests and forthwith proceeded to draw from each a flow of eloquence, that when "well mixed and shaken together" gave the Grand Chapter an Elixir that was truly appetizing.

M. E. JARED A. REED, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; Past Grand High Priest HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON; General Grand Master of the Third Veil; JAMES A. GEORGE, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; Grand High Priest STIVERS, of New York, and Companion HARRY V. HOLLOWAY, all contributed to the Elixir.

As a sample of that exhilarating compound we quote the following from the eloquent address of Companion HOLLOWAY:

"But there are ties that time and distance and rivers cannot break, and one is a man's love for his mother, for his native State, and that which binds him to his friends. It is love that 'circumscribes our desires and keeps our passions within due bounds'; it is love that 'whispers words of counsel into the ear of an erring brother and warns him of approaching danger'; it is love that stretches forth the hand to raise a brother stricken to earth by vices of appetite, of lust, of ambition; it is love that holds the chisel and wields the mallet to make the deep and lasting impression upon our conduct as Masons; it is love that wields the crow, pickax and spade, clearing the way for the 'erection of that spiritual building, that temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens'; it is love that rears to the Most High the temple of true manhood and dedicates that temple to His service. Truth is the cornerstone of civilization,

but love is the keystone of human happiness. Truth is the law; love is the fulfillment of the law. Masonically, we seek for the light of truth that we may be better prepared to fill the obligations of love; and the Masonry that fails to inculcate in its members the divine fire of an all-inclusive love—a love for the handiwork of the Grand Master of the Universe, a love for the teachings of the Grand High Priest of Heaven—has missed its purpose and is not worthy of the name; and that Mason who permits himself to prostitute the name of Deity to the common uses of conversation has not only failed to catch the spirit of that love, but tramples under foot the supreme privilege and distinction which the Craft have conferred upon him. I pray that the day is not far distant when every Mason may awake to the proper realization of the significance of the emblems which he wears so proudly and a proper respect for that Being in whom he once placed his trust. A movement in that direction should begin *now* and with *us*. It is a duty that every Mason owes to the Institution which we all love so well; it is a duty that every Mason owes to himself if he expects to present such work as shall pass the square of the Grand Overseer.

"But Masonry is not an evangelizing force; its selective nature precludes that possibility. It is not a religion, as our good Companion Haines truly said in his excellent address before the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. It is not a religion, but it is the handmaid of religion. Masonry and religion derive their content and inspiration from the same source, and that source furnishes the all-sufficient guide for our faith and practice. The particular function of Masonry is to give permanency of form to ideals of truth and morality. The ideal of the Statesman takes form in statute law; the ideal of the philosopher in the enunciation of principle; the ideal of the man of letters in the poetic masterpiece; the ideal of the painter takes form in light and shadow and color upon the canvas; that of the architect and builder takes form in the majestic cathedral; and it remains for Masonry to crystallize the statutes of the Statesmen, the principles of the philosopher, the living truths of the poet and painter, and the magic art of the architect and builder into one composite and harmonious whole, which shall be the object of our admiration and the guide of our conduct. Therein does Masonry find its justification; therein does it provide that common motive, that community of interest that is ever necessary to companionship."

The Elixir had its desired effect on the Grand Chapter and enabled its members to receive the reports of the Committees on the Doings of Grand

Officers, on Fraternal Correspondence and on Charity.

Just as "Jersey Lightning" is reported to be "Heady," so the effect of too much "Headwork" now became apparent and the stomachs of the Grand Chapter became clamorous, and in order to keep the peace between these warring members, the Grand Chapter adjourned for refreshment at twelve-thirty, to meet again at one-thirty. Lawyers well know the value of precedent, and it is now a *matter of record* that it takes a Jerseyman *one hour to eat* a good Masonic dinner, for *good* it must have been, as it was *made in New Jersey.*

Alas! Alas! the record will have to be amended as the Grand Chapter did not reassemble until one-forty-five P. M. This extra fifteen minutes was doubtless given to prepare the Grand Chapter for the afternoon session, as "the worst was yet to come."

The reports of the Committee on Ritual, on Warrants and Dispensations, on Appeals and Grievances, were duly made and adopted. Then followed the report of the Committee on Necrology, that is so touching and helpful that we quote it *in extenso:*

"REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

"Trenton, N. J., May 10, 1916.

"*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Excellent Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey:*

"Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—With the recurrence of another spring with its fresh and delightsome verdure, and the assembling of this Grand Chapter, comes the sad knowledge that the places of many beloved Companions are vacant, and vacant, alas, forever! The faces which we

have been accustomed to meet for twelve months and to look into with reciprocal glances of deepest affection, and the hands which have so frequently clasped ours in the mystic grip of a brotherhood doubly endeared by the exchange and intercourse of our solemn vows and sublime ceremonies, will be ours to enjoy no more—at least on the side of the dark river of Death. They have been for years an inspiration to us. We greeted them as they appeared at the Convocations of this Grand Chapter, and we have fondly called up to our memory their dear faces while absent. At our visitations we have sometimes met and greeted them in the pleasant and profitable communion of our delightful meetings and Convocations—meetings rendered many-fold more pleasant and profitable by reason of their industry, skill and fidelity in the solemn arts of our peculiar Craft. They were all square stones in the Temple of Masonry, no less than in their various stations in life. Most of them had wrought long and faithfully, and the second Temple lacks no adornment which their practiced hands and skill could supply. A distinguished writer in Masonry has said that the title of 'the Builder' is the noblest that can be applied to or desired by a real Mason. Our faithful Companions who have preceded us to the other side but a very short time were well worthy of this sublime title. They were good and diligent Builders. Their work has been approved by the Master Overseers at the South, East and West gates, and we have no doubt that the Grand Overseer in the Heavenly East will smile an equal approval on the labors of our Companions.

"'And in the morn, those angel faces smile:
Which we have loved long since and lost awhile.'

"The Committee on Necrology recommends that this Grand Chapter direct that the usual memorial pages be dedicated in the annual records of the Grand Chapter to the memory of our deceased Companions.

ALBERT B. FORTNER,
RALPH R. EICHLIN,
HARVEY S. HOPKINS,
*Committee on Necrology.*"

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, a ballot was had and FREDERICK T. CRANE was elected Grand High Priest and duly installed. After some further routine business the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet May 9, 1917.

Space will not permit a digest of the report of Foreign Correspondence, by Companion HENRY S.

HAINES, but the prelude to the report so clearly sets out the task of the Correspondent that it is inserted in full.

"Among the many joys brought to us by succeeding years, not the least is that of again joining hands with those thoughtful Companions to whom has been committed the duty of epitomizing the Capitular transactions of the twelve months past, and presenting them to their constituents in a form best adapted to their profitable comprehension. This task, properly performed, although pleasant, is not a particularly easy one, requiring as it does in him, by whom it is undertaken, a superior faculty of observation, of deliberate and impartial judgment, and of conscientious and considerate criticism. The nearest approach to the ideals to which we can pretend will be found in our present modest offering, attended as it is with the sincerest hope that some word may be found therein to heighten our conception of the dignity and importance of Royal Arch Masonry, and to incite its votaries to a more diligent observance of its ennobling precepts."

The Conclusion of the report is equally fine and is as follows:

"CONCLUSION.

"Another season's harvesting from the field of Masonic observation is now presented, with the hope that some morsels may be found therein suited to the taste and salutary to the system of those interested in the events whose influence make for the good or the ill of our Fraternity.

"Of course the prevailing sentiment has been one of universal prayer for peace, seconded by a profuse pecuniary offering for the alleviation of suffering brought about by the dreadful havoc of the war, which generosity was checked in its munificence only by the belief that its exercise will be more effective in the hour of greater need, which is sure to come.

"Not only in the ranks of war have the mighty fallen. In our own peaceful land, clad in the armor of truth and arrayed in the panoply of our beloved Brotherhood, many who have battled for years against bigotry and superstition have been called to rest.

"Freemasonry, notwithstanding, still moves on its upward march, more and more revered by the thoughtful and contemplative minds, and less and less misled by the trivial lead of those who see in its sacred symbols naught but signboards pointing to the Tall Cedars or the Shrine.

"With truth as its foundation and with service as its watchword, it must and surely will keep pace with the noblest and most potential

agencies for the social and moral elevation of mankind. Every application for membership, when accepted, should be regarded as an enlistment in this worthy cause, imposing obligations to war against selfishness and vice, and to labor to extend the mystic tie of sympathy until it embraces all mankind, when universal peace shall prevail and virtue be established upon the throne of the world.

For the Committee,

HENRY S. HAINES."

W. R. M.

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## NEW MEXICO.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held in the city of East Las Vegas, Thursday, October 10, 1916.

The Committee on Credentials reported twelve of eighteen subordinate Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest's address deals with matters strictly local. He explains that while expecting to visit a number of the Chapters during his term he only paid one official visitation, and that to his own Chapter. No decisions were called for; three Dispensations were granted to install officers.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 66 exaltations, 16 admissions and 3 reinstated, demitted 20, died 16, suspended 19—total loss 55; net gain 30, membership August 31, 1916, 1171.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion JAMES H. WROTH. To any one who has ever read one of his reports it is un-

necessary to say anything about it and to those who haven't read one, we would advise you to dig up a New Mexico report and read it for yourself; it will do you good. Every now and them he threatens to quit, but honest, we don't believe he means it. Why, just think, he complains about being past sixty years of age. That is nothing to complain about. That is just the time when the rich experience is bearing its choicest fruit. When the ripened Judgment has attained a poise that only time well spent in active service can give. It is to the Elders in Israel that we look for wisdom.

Pennsylvania for 1915 is fraternally reviewed. In referring to Article 17, Section 3 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, he wants to know who's to blame when a Committee does not report on a petition for four months, thus invalidating the petition. Well, sometimes the Committee and sometimes the applicant. We have heard that the Committee failing to report was an easy way out of an unpleasant situation.

He infers that as a certain time is required between conferring of degrees, and a separate ballot required for each degree. No, only one ballot, subject to the right to object before the petitioner receives the Mark Degree. After that no more ballots. The only way to stop advancement is by preferring charges, which must be established in order to stop the candidate. Of course all advancement is stopped pending the disposal of the charges.

The Companion complains that the Correspondence Report from Pennsylvania mixes him up. He don't know who is really responsible for the review of New Mexico. Well, Companion WROTH, if you will look at the division in the beginning of the report, you will see the names of the different members of the Committee and the States which they review. Some parts of our report are quoted with approval. Especially that part which referred to the Royal Arch being originally a part of Symbolic Masonry. No doubt about it. The Royal Arch Degree was first conferred on this continent in the city of Philadelphia, under the Charter of Lodge No. 3.

Gould says: "It is now well settled that while in 1765 they (the Moderns) established a separate body for conferring this degree (Royal Arch) previously to that date it was conferred in a Lodge or Chapter appurtenant to a Lodge and under a Lodge Warrant."

The degree undoubtedly was originally a section of the Third Degree, which about 1753 was amplified by the "Ancients" into a Fourth Degree.

Companion WROTH says that the writer of the review of New Mexico is not a Shriner and says "a whole lot of the people miss good things." Well, we haven't missed very many Masonically. We are a life member of one of the largest Shrines in the

world. Nevertheless, we have our own opinion on some things, Masonic and otherwise.

M. E. Alex D. Goldenberg, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York met in the city of Albany, Tuesday, February 1, 1916.

All the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of two hundred and three out of two hundred and eight subordinate Chapters were present; also the Representatives of forty Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania being among those "also present."

After the opening of Grand Chapter, and appointment of Committees on Credentials, the Representatives of other Grand Chapters were admitted in a body, and introduced by Past Grand High Priest Companion George E. Stivers, and welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in a neat address, which was responded to by Companion Charles Fellows, representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. A number of invited guests from the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts were separately introduced, after

which the General Grand High Priest, M. E. GEORGE CORSON, was introduced and welcomed. Introductions and felicitations over, the Grand High Priest launched his address at them, which fills eighty-three closely printed pages of the proceedings, and in which he gives a detailed review of the work.

He reports the constitution of one new Chapter and a Dispensation granted for another.

A number of Dispensations were granted for different purposes, but none to shorten the time and hurry the work along.

One matter is referred to at great length, and all correspondence set forth viz.: The invasion of Pennsylvania by Binghamton Chapter No. 139, which received petitions from, and conferred the degrees upon five Brethren, who were at the time residents of the city of Scranton. These Brethren it seems were members of Symbolic Lodges outside of Pennsylvania, and consequently could not petition a Chapter in Pennsylvania. So rather than dimit from their Lodges, join Pennsylvania Lodges and go through in the orderly way, they concluded to cut across, get the Capitular Degrees in Binghamton and then go merrily on their way to the Commandery and Shrine. Binghamton received their petitions, acted on them, and conferred the degrees. The matter was brought to the attention of the Grand High Priest of New York, who at once made an investigation, notified the Grand High Priest of Pennsylva-

nia, and the facts being established, suspended the Charter of Binghamton Chapter, caused them to return the fees to the five Brethren from Pennsylvania and strike their names from its rolls. This prompt and courteous action was fully appreciated by the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, and a very fraternal letter was sent in acknowledgment of the prompt action of the Grand High Priest of New York. We note that Binghamton Chapter, having made ample apology and reparation, the suspension was removed at the Annual Convocation.

He certainly was busy, as he visited one hundred different Chapters and made one hundred and thirty-seven official visitations during the year. On investigation he found that seventy Chapters had never had an official visitation, thirty-five of these he visited.

Having decided to make the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of New York of some use to New York, if they are of none to the Grand Chapter which they represent, he mildly requested about all the representatives to resign and he would fill their places with Companions from Chapters which were possibly weak or which had never had an appointment from the Grand Chapter. All but two came across gracefully, but these two made strenuous objections to resigning. However, the Grand High Priest found a way to have them resign, which they finally did. Possibly it was all for the best, but it did look like some political moves we have seen made in the Keystone State when

new offices were badly needed. If the representatives of a sovereign Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Chapter has no higher use than to give a weak Chapter a chance to have the name of one of its Companions printed in the proceedings it is about time it was done away with.

He notes in the percentage of Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons, New York ranks fortieth in the United States.

The Grand Lecturer makes a very full report of his activities during the year. He seems to have covered the Empire State about as well as it could be done, but it is entirely too big for one man. With two hundred and eight Chapters, scattered from Lake Erie to the Atlantic Ocean, and from the Pennsylvania line to Canada, there is too much territory for him to keep in close enough touch to be of any real benefit. You will have to divide up into smaller districts, even though you did vote it down again in the face of the recommendation of your Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of $132,054.20, after the payment of all bills. Of this amount $21,882.86 was received from the Grand Secretary and $5264.86 from interest. Their expenses for the year for all purposes was $24,025.82.

The Grand Secretary's report shows exaltations 2302, with a total increase of 2578, and a total loss

of 1724, leaving net increase 854 and total membership 41,222. "The largest Chapter has a membership of 1200 and the smallest 18, thirteen of the Chapters did no work in 1915. Sixty-seven showed a net loss and in twenty-two the gains and losses were equal. The decline in the ratio of growth which began a few years ago became quite marked last year, and is shown by this year's report to be increasing in momentum. A perplexing feature of the situation is that contrary conditions are apparent in other Grand Jurisdictions."

The election moved everybody up a notch, elective and appointive, and made a net gain of one new name, viz.: Companion Ernest W. Lovejoy, Grand Master of the First Vail, whom we have no doubt will in due time become Grand High Priest. They don't really elect a Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest appoints a Master of the First Vail, who in due time is regularly advanced by appointment and election until he is Grand High Priest.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by M. E. Companion M. I. Greenwood, who in seventy-two pages reviews the different Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is accorded fraternal notice.

M. E. Companion Jared Reed, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of North Carolina was held in Charlotte, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 and 10, 1916. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at eight o'clock P. M., after which Grand High Priest GEORGE S. NORFLEET read his address. The address deals exclusively with the management of the affairs of Grand Chapter.

Under Dispensations he says: "I have received quite a number of requests for Dispensations that would enable Chapters to receive and act upon various petitions without waiting the required time. Explaining the law fully and answering each of these requests in a courteous way, I have consistently refused them all."

How we love the sound of the words "explaining the law fully, I have consistently refused them all." Here is a Grand High Priest who understands his obligations to enforce the Constitution and Laws of his Grand Chapter.

Dispensations to hold meetings of subordinate Chapters at times other than those prescribed in the By-laws, and to elect officers to fill vacancies, were granted. One new Chapter was constituted and Dispensations for three new Chapters granted. This looks very prosperous.

A request was made by Caswell Chapter No. 38, asking the Grand High Priest to request the Grand High Priest of Maryland to request a Chapter in Baltimore to confer the degrees on E. B. TOPPIN, who had been elected to receive the degrees in Caswell Chapter No. 38, but had moved to Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania, before he could get the degrees. "I declined to make the request because I did not believe it right to ask a Baltimore Chapter to confer the degrees on a man living in Pennsylvania as a courtesy to North Carolina."

The Grand High Priest says that he did not make any decisions, but that he interpreted the law in a number of cases and in others cited it to the subordinate Chapters. Among the interpretations we note that a Brother's residence is where his family is, no matter where he may be sojourning. Another interpretation, that, after a favorable ballot, a Companion may demand another ballot. This may be all right, but it reads curious to us. Another, that a member who took his dimit from his Blue Lodge and carried it for more than six months, was automatically suspended from his Chapter, but that on his depositing it in another Blue Lodge he was automatically reinstated, and chargeable with dues for the time he was out.

We note that the Grand Chapter of North Carolina is charitable; of their total budget of appropriations,

amounting to $4180, $600 or almost 15 per cent. is devoted to strictly charitable purposes.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by LEON CASH. He confines himself to fifty pages, and reviews the Grand Chapters from Alabama to Wyoming. In conclusion he says: "We have gone far afield. Being a zealous disciple of reciprocity, we have attempted to review only those Jurisdictions which have reviewed us." Well, that is a new view of the work of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We have sometimes thought there was considerable of mutual admiration society in it, but this is the first time we have had a correspondent say that only those who wrote him up got any notice. Well, the Companions of North Carolina missed some mighty fine Jurisdictions such as Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Possibly, if you look closely over the proceedings of those Grand Jurisdictions, you might find something that would interest the Companions of North Carolina, although your proceedings of the preceding year may not have reached their correspondents.

There seems to be fifty-one Chartered Chapters, and one under Dispensation. Two of the Chapters made no report. There were four hundred and seven exaltations, which with those reinstated and admitted made a net gain for the year of two hundred and fifty-three.

Next place of meeting Fayetteville, on May 17, 1917.

Companion H. E. Reid, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Companion John B. Griggs, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Fargo, June 21 and 22. The proceedings tell us that the Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form*. "The proficiency of the Grand Officers in opening showed much improvement over some previous Convocations."

The Grand High Priest in his address reports the sending of a letter to each of the subordinate Chapters, stating that he would be glad to visit them whenever it is convenient to the Chapter and can be made of profit to the Companions. To this letter he received no response from any Chapter in the Jurisdiction. From this he draws the inference that they are either in such fine condition that they need no visits from the Grand Officers, or are in such poor condition that they are ashamed to have Grand Officers visit them, or are absolutely indifferent about their condition. Therefore, he did not visit them. No complaints were made and no decisions asked for. One new Chapter was constituted.

By invitation the Grand Chapter witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree by the officers of Ederlin Chapter No. 19.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts during the year of $3301.37, and a balance on hand after payment of bills of $11,577.92, a net gain for the year of $380.56.

The Grand Secretary reports that the returns of all subordinate Chapters have been received.

The total membership is 2885, a net gain for the year of 69. Eight Chapters show a loss over last year's report. The net gain this year is 69, as against 97 last year. Total number of Chapters 24.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a recommendation that the four degrees of the Chapter should not be conferred for a less sum than forty dollars, and no deduction be made for any cause whatever. Recommendation adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past High Priest Companion E. G. Guthrie, who reviews fifty-two Jurisdictions. He missed some, among them being Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion Charles E. Best, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

## OHIO.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in the city of Columbus, October 4 and 5, 1916.

One hundred seventy-nine of the one hundred eighty-five Chapters represented. We note Pennsylvania among the Grand Jurisdictions represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address refers to this being the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. He pays a loving tribute to the dead of his own and other Jurisdictions. He reports two Dispensations granted for new Chapters. Under the head of decisions he says:

> "All communications seeking advice for the governing of subordinate Chapters, I am pleased to state that no decision direct were found necessary, the Code in all cases furnishing the required information."

The Grand Treasurer's report is one to rejoice the Companions, showing as it does a balance of $28,561.29, after paying all bills, amounting to $22,360.55.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 3426 exaltations, 333 admissions and 329 restored during the year, making a gross gain of 4088. The other side of the account shows losses by death, 556; withdrawals, 408; suspensions n. p. d., 529; suspended w. m. c., 4; expelled, 12; total, 1509. Net gain, 2579. The net gain for this year is 627 more than last year. Well, the net gain for a year in this great Jurisdic-

tion is greater than the membership in eight Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. The total membership of Ohio is now 41,715. From this it would appear that Ohio has about one-tenth of the entire Capitular membership in the United States. We note in leaving the statistical part of this report that with all its great membership and with its 3426 exaltations during the year, they did not find it necessary to grant a single Dispensation to shorten the time to ballot and confer degrees. Several were applied for, but all refused. We do not think Capitular Masonry suffered by the refusals.

The report of the Ohio Masonic Home is printed in full in the proceedings.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio contributes liberally to the great Charity. They have a per capita tax, which yielded $9374 for its support, and in addition thereto the Grand Chapter contributed $1000 to the ground improvement fund, and $4000 to the general fund. A complete list of the residents of the home is printed, giving their former residence, date of admission and age. At present they have 211.

### Centennial Celebration.

In an appendix of forty-three pages is set forth the proceedings commemorating the completion of the first hundred years of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. In this are set forth many things of interest not only to the Companions of Ohio, but to the fraternity at large.

The principal address was by Companion JACOB H. BROMWELL, Past Grand High Priest. He divided it into ten sections or decades, pointing out the progress of the Grand Chapter in each decade. From this address we learn that the Grand Chapter was organized October 21, 1816, at Worthington, Ohio, at the house of JOHN SNOW. Three Chapters were represented, viz., American Union Chapter, of Marietta; Cincinnati Chapter and Horeb Chapter, at Worthington. These three Chapters passed the following resolution: "It is right and expedient to establish a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Ohio."

The first printed list, published in 1818, shows four Chapters with a membership of 156. The succeeding decades had the same vicissitudes which seem to have attended the development of all our Masonic bodies. Two serious troubles are noted. The Morgan excitement about 1832. The Grand Chapter reached its lowest ebb in 1837, when only five Chapters were represented. The Grand Chapter passed a very excellent resolution on this subject, which is set forth in part in the address. This ended the second decade of their history. The next trouble was about 1886, growing out of the Cerneau Rite, which gave the Masons of Ohio much trouble. In 1855 the Grand Chapter passed a resolution discarding the Past Master's degree from the Chapter series and relegating it entirely to the Blue Lodge. This

action, however, was not approved by the General Grand Chapter and so the matter was dropped.

In 1861 we find the following resolution:

"We think it right and proper in this Grand Chapter, as Royal Arch Masons to declare our faithful allegiance to the government under which we live, and to express our hope that it may long be preserved in its purity —the refuge of the oppressed—the home of Freedom. We trust no Mason in this Jurisdiction will ever be found recreant to his duty as a Citizen of the United States; but in peace the support of the government; in war and peril, its defence and bulwark."

A beautiful centennial poem was read by Companion NELSON WILLIAMS, of Hamilton, Ohio, from which we quote the closing.

"And when the hour of death shall come, as come to all it must,
And our frail bodies shall return to mingle with the dust,
Those who shall follow us may say that we have firmly stood,
And in the busy marts of life have done the best we could;
That we have added to the sun of human happiness
By gentle words and kindly deeds in sorrow and distress;
That we have labored for mankind, and not for selfish gain,
While none went hungry from our doors or plead their cause in vain.

"Oh what a tribute it would be if they could only say,
Such things as these of those who are the Masons of today,
'Twould be a golden harvest from the seeds that we have sown,
'Twould be for us a monument more lasting than of stone.
Then let us do whate'er we can to aid humanity,
For this is what our lessons teach—this is Freemasonry."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was by Companion Past High Priest O. P. SPERRA. He reviews practically all the Grand Jurisdictions, giving facts and figures, and quoting judiciously from many of the proceedings without com-

ment. Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review.

M. E. Companion William A. Belt, Grand High Priest.

Companion Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## OKLAHOMA.

April 18, 19, 1916, were the days in the calendar when the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma in its Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation reviewed the past and planned for the future.

The proceedings come to us in a neat book of 165 pages, well indexed. The usual solemn pages have at least two bright spots from which smile the faces of Edgar Cook, Grand High Priest 1915-1916, and Leo Edmond Bennett, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent of that Jurisdiction. He calls his report "An Abbreviation of the Doings of other Grand Chapters" and right well has he gleaned the field, spreading the results of two months' labor before the Companions of Oklahoma in seventy-seven pages of choicest selection.

After opening the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form,* the Grand High Priest addressed the Companions, reviewing his work for the year. He reports granting a dispensation for a new Chapter and inquiries

looking to applications for dispensations at five other points. One Charter was taken up, and another Chapter moved from one town to another with apparently beneficial results. The usual number of special dispensations to receive petitions and ballot on them at the same meeting were granted. This proceeding will rise up to plague the Companions of Oklahoma in the future. The Grand High Priest reports twenty-two Visitations during the year. That ought to help Capitular Masonry very much in Oklahoma. While we may not admit it, we all like to see the Grand High Priest in our Chapter Halls occasionally. It stimulates the sluggish and encourages the active. Among the recommendations we note:

"I recommend that the division of the Jurisdiction into districts as it now is be continued, but that some provision be made for paying the expenses of those in charge of the districts when making official visits."

This is an excellent plan. We of Pennsylvania speak from experience, as we have used it for many years.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows them to be financially in good condition, having a balance on hand, March 31, 1916, after payment of all bills, of $3701.10.

The Grand Secretary summarizes his report as follows:

"Two thousand and forty-nine degrees were conferred, of which 509 were exaltations. This 509 exalted, with 127 affiliated and 64 reinstated, gives a gross of 700 in the 71 Chapters. Losses were 99 demitted, 67 died, 153 suspended and 2 expelled; gross loss, 321. The net gain at this time appears to be 379. Present membership, 5277."

As above noted, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion BENNETT. He says to the Companions of Oklahoma:

"If you fail to read and study these reviews, you will miss much of interest in the capitular world. If you do read and study them and read as well between the lines, you will be improved in Masonry and this whether or not you agree with my presentations. Yet let us not fancy that numerical strength is the end sought, but rather that we ourselves grow better, broader and bigger men and Masons as we impart to others the truths which are only taught in Royal Arch Chapters. And as we lead 'the blind by a way he knew not' into the sunlight of our Royal Truths let us continue to apply to self the impressions we are endeavoring to create in them."

In closing, Companion BENNETT says:

"Will you, dear reader, be one of these very few who will send me even a few lines?"

Yes! We have read, appreciated and enjoyed your report very much. Remember, Companion, that it is not given to many to see the result of their work, but he who faithfully labors, though it be "but one hour," shall receive his reward and be given a white stone, and in that stone a new name, which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it.

Pennsylvania is recorded a very fraternal review.

M. E. Companion JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion LEO EDMOND BENNETT, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

## OREGON.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon was held in the city of Albany, June 5, 1916, with M. E. Companion CLYDE EVANS, Grand High Priest, presiding.

A fine engraving, as the frontispiece shows us what manner of man he is, and is surely good to look upon.

After the opening, the roll call showed fourteen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of many Jurisdictions present, Pennsylvania not being among the number. This Jurisdiction, like many others, observes the custom of formally receiving the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions in a body.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is brief and deals strictly with the affairs of the Grand Chapter. He reports a number of Dispensations, two of them being to two different Chapters to receive petitions from persons in government employ and not qualified by residence to make application.

We wonder what the Grand Jurisdictions to which they belong might have to say in the matter if the facts were brought to their attention.

One Dispensation was refused, to allow two substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, while a Dispensation was granted to a Chapter to receive petitions and ballot on them without waiting the statutory time. This

looks to us like straining at the gnat and swallowing the camel.

Several decisions are reported, among them, that suspension in Blue Lodge automatically suspends the member in the Chapter.

That new officers take their seats and assume their duties as soon as regularly installed.

That a Companion who had selected and had recorded a mark in 1881, could not change it for one of a simpler design.

He further reports that in every Chapter visited he found them using a clandestine cypher, unauthorized by a Masonic body, which abuse he took active measures to correct.

In conclusion he says:

"I am inclined to believe that admission into our Order is to easily secured and that we do not sufficiently impress upon those who enter, the serious and sacred purposes of Masonry; and unless more attention is given to this side of Masonry, it is only a question of time until our organization has fallen from the highest place to the level of other secret orders."

The Grand Orator delivered an excellent address to the Grand Chapter, full of good things, and will no doubt give much food for thought to the Companions of Oregon. We give a brief extract:

"Every Mason seems to pass through three stages before he can begin to be of value to the Craft and qualified to instruct his less informed brethren. In the first stage he is a ritualistic pure and simple; to be letter perfect the height of his ambition and the all of Masonry. But

after a while the ritual palls and fails to satisfy and in looking around he finds that there is law to govern the body and leaving the ritual in the background enters the second stage wherein law is the great factor. No sooner, however, has he begun to get an insight into the law than he begins to try to compare it with the ritual and to find new meanings which lead to his third stage in which the hidden esoteric interpretations of the ritual become the great center about which all Masonry revolves. Fearful and wonderful are some of the interpretations and explanations evolved, but he is growing and one day is surprised to find that neither the ritual with its mystic meanings, nor the law with all its wisdom constitutes Masonry, but that it is something greater, stronger, deeper, more vital and far reaching and that the ritual with all its wealth of teaching and the law are but the efforts of men through all ages to express their varied conceptions of God, their relations to him and to their fellow men. At last, if he has advanced so far, he finds something that he can lay hold of, over, above and beyond himself, an ideal to govern his daily life.''

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 4189, a net gain of 137 for the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion HENRY B. THIELSON. In 119 pages he reviews fifty-five Jurisdictions, laying before the Companions a very complete view of the Capitular field. In closing he says:

''I promise you that so long as I shall be chosen to write the Grand Chapter correspondence reports, I will be on the lookout to bring anything of interest I may find in the reports of the conventions of the Order.''

Well, they did the proper thing and reappointed him.

From a table compiled by the Grand Secretary, we note that there are 1,717,165 Master Masons, 472,986 Royal Arch Masons and 286,991 Knights Templar in the United States. From the above figures we learn

that of every one hundred Master Masons in the United States only about twenty-one belong to the Chapter, while out of every one hundred Royal Arch Masons fifty belong to the Commandery. There ought to be a larger percentage who would complete their Masonic work and come into our Chapters.

Pennsylvania shows about 29 per cent. of its Master Masons belong to the Chapter, while almost 70 per cent. of the Royal Arch Masons are Knights Templar.

M. E. S. S. Spencer, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## QUEBEC.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in the city of Montreal, on March 22, 1916. The proceedings which are "ordered to be read in an Chapters and preserved," are before us.

The Grand Officers, representatives of all the subordinate Chapters, and many Grand Chapters were present. We note Pennsylvania was not represented.

This Grand Jurisdiction has fourteen subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 1680. While small, they have the true Masonic spirit and are doing a

noble work. At present they, along with all other parts of the British Empire, are passing through the deep waters of affliction. Yet they are brave of heart and loyal to their country.

The Grand High Priest's address is very brief, but there is a spirit of hopefulness in every line.

He says:

"Taking everything into consideration, it, it is a matter of satisfaction that we are able to report a net increase in our membership of 21. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the serious and substantial work now being carried on by our Chapters is sure to bring fruit when we are again blessed with happier years."

He finds that only about 20 per cent. of the Master Masons have taken the Royal Arch Degree, which leads him to say:

"The thought I wish to impress on all Capitular Masons is that in order to best promote the growth of our Royal Craft and the consequent dissemination of the great truths it reveals each one should familiarize himself with the history and inherent purpose of the Royal Arch degree. He will then be prepared to impress upon his friends among Master Masons in a convincing manner the fact that the attainment of the Royal Arch degree is absolutely indispensable to the completion of their Masonic education."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is Companion E. D. T. CHAMBERS' twenty-seventh report. To those who have had the privilege of reading his former reports it is unnecessary to say that it is complete, and gives to the Companions of Quebec the very cream of current Capitular Masonry. Companion CHAMBERS is very much interested in the controversy between the Grand Chapter

of Canada and Alberta. He quotes liberally from many reports the different opinions given. To be sure, Quebec had to go along the same path which Alberta has been made to travel. But the controversy is happily ended, and we will not have to struggle with the Alberta matter again. We will venture this opinion however. That there will in time be a Grand Chapter in every Province in the Dominion of Canada, as there are Grand Chapters in every State in the United States. Canada may some day find it desirable, in the interest of uniformity, to organize a General Grand Chapter on the same plan that the General Grand Chapter of the United States is organized, but each Province will eventually govern its own internal affairs. Home rule is in the air whether we like it or not.

M. E. Companion Dr. E. O. Dyer, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion Will H. Whyte, Scribe E.

J. M. C.

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## SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland holds Quarterly Convocations and an Annual Convocation, at which its office bearers are invested. The proceedings of each Quarterly Convocation, together with the proceedings of the meetings of the Supreme Committee are printed in leaflets immediately after the meeting. There is also a Roll of the Office Bear-

ers, Grand Superintendents, Grand Representatives, Supreme Committee, and of the Principals and their proxies.

At the Quarterly Convocation, December 17, 1915, the Deputy Grand Principal Z. presided; the Earl of Casillis, Grand Z., being absent with his regiment "somewhere in France."

Before proceeding with the regular routine business a most impressive eulogy was pronounced upon M. E. Companion M. W. Henderson, Grand Superintendent, of Linlithgowshire, who had fallen in action.

The Supreme Committee met February 18, 1916, and received a detailed report of the Finance Committee. Also complaints. One peculiar complaint, growing out of the war, was presented. A Principal of a Chapter and an active member of it for years has been interned. He applies for a diploma as a Principal, which is due for issue, on the ground that it is no fault of his own that he has been unable to attend and fulfill the duties of the office during a small portion of the full year. It was held by the Committee that no member could be expelled, suspended or deprived of his rights as a Mason without a charge of un-Masonic conduct being served upon him and proven, and that in the absence of such, the Principal concerned was entitled to his diploma. The mere fact of internment is not a Masonic offence, and is not of itself a proof of disloyalty.

At the Quarterly Convocation held March 3, 1916, the officers previously nominated by the Supreme Committee were unanimously elected.

The Supreme Committee held a special meeting on March 20th, immediately preceding the Annual Convocation. Among other things we note the following:

"The Supreme Committee learned with much regret that the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, being apparently subject to the decision of another body known as the General Grand Chapter, which is not recognized by Scotland, has broken off Fraternal relations."

From a reading of the proceedings of a number of Grand Chapters, Scotland has a lot more regrets coming to her. If we have rightly interpreted the actions of a number of Grand Chapters it will not be very long until a Royal Arch Mason from Scotland will find some difficulty in visiting in the larger part of the United States. This grows out of the chartering by the Grand Chapter of Scotland a Chapter in Manila, Philippine Islands, a territory of the United States, and which the General Grand Chapter of the United States had already occupied by chartering a Chapter there.

At the Annual Convocation, held March 20th, the Office Bearers were duly invested. After the investiture a simple collation was served, at which a number of toasts were responded to. The proceedings closed with following toast from the Earl of Cassillis "Happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again."

The Supreme Committee held its Quarterly Meeting, June 2, 1916, transacting only routine affairs. It was decided to issue to soldiers and sailors, members of Lodges, cards of identification similar to those issued by English Lodges.

The September Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter transacted only routine business. A duplicate diploma was directed to be issued to Companion COMMANDER T. J. FOULKES, R. N. of H. M. S. "Onslow." It seems that during the battle of Jutland the "Onslow" took an active part, being struck a number of times by the enemy's shells. A high explosive shell entered COMMANDER FOULKES' cabin and wrecked it, practically destroying everything, or blowing it overboard, with the single and singular exception of his Masonic Diploma. The Commander is a member of Govan Chapter No. 117 and presented the diploma suitably inscribed to his Chapter, and the duplicate was issued to take the place of the one presented to the Chapter.

The Supreme Council held its Quarterly Meeting December 1st, and having advised that the differences between the Grand Chapter of Canada, and Alberta had been settled, the Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized and an exchange of representatives authorized.

A message from France was received that a meeting of Freemasons serving with the New Zealand Division was held on Wednesday, June 21st. More

than ninety Lodges were represented and the following resolution was pased:

"Resolved that the meeting of Freemasons held somewhere in France within a short distance of the enemy lines, and within range of his guns, and composed of brethren serving in the New Zealand Expeditionary force, representing many Lodges and various constitutions of the Dominion, send greeting to their brethren and best wishes for the continual success of the various Lodges."

EARL OF CASSILLIS, First Grand Principal Z.

ALFRED A. ARBUTHNOT MURRAY, Grand Secretary and Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

J. M. C.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Charleston, Tuesday, April 11, 1916.

The Grand High Priest in addressing the Grand Chapter said: "The record of my doings as Grand High Priest, since our last Convocation, is a brief one and easily recited to you." He decided that a candidate who had petitioned a Chapter in 1911 and was elected, but never applied for the degrees, forfeited his initiation fee and must petition again and pay the fees if he desired to join. This decision the Committee on Jurisprudence overruled, and decided that all that would be necessary was a reballot.

He reports 179 exaltations, 26 affiliations and reinstated; 48 deaths, 42 dimited, 99 suspended for nonpayment of dues and 1 expelled, leaving a net gain of 18.

The death of Companion C. Frank Jackson, who was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter in 1858, and continued as such until his death, the day before this meeting of the Grand Chapter, was announced. An excellent portrait of Companion Jackson is published in the proceedings, as well as a portrait of J. Halsey Mallory, the new Grand Treasurer.

The Grand High Priest recommended the severance of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, because of its invasion of the territory of the General Grand Chapter of the United States in the Philippine Islands, after the acquisition of the Islands by the United States, and the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Manila, under the direct supervision of the General Grand Chapter. This recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

The "Fraternal Correspondence" report is by Companion James L. Michie and, as usual, is most excellent. He reviews fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions, including Scotland, with whom they have severed fraternal relations.

In his conclusion he states very fully his opinion in the Alberta-Canada matter, but as they have settled their differences it doesn't matter now. He also pays his respect to his mother Grand Chapter Scotland, which we hope they will receive, read and ponder, as he writes with a sympathy and insight only possible in one who was made a Mason in Scotland.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. He states that our knowledge of Cryptic Masonry and the Texas Plan must be limited. Very true. He might have also added Symbolic and Capitular to the category, and still been within very reasonable bounds.

He speaks of us as an ardent supporter of the "Perfect Youth" fad and wishes us to quote the Landmark requiring Physical Perfection.

Well, Companion MICHIE, there was born in Charleston, South Carolina, March 12, 1807, ALBERT GALLATIN MACKEY. He was made a Mason in South Carolina in 1841. He was elected Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in 1845, and Grand High Priest of South Carolina in 1854, which position he held until 1867. In 1859 he was elected General Grand High Priest of the United States, which office he filled for six years. As a scholar and writer on Masonic subjects his reputation is world wide.

In his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, edition of 1889, page 442, under Landmarks appears the following:

"18. Certain qualifications of Candidates for initiation are derived from a landmark of the Order. These qualifications are that he shall be a man—unmutilated, free born, and of mature age. That is to say a woman, a cripple, or a slave, or one born in slavery, is disqualified for initiation into the rites of Masonry. Statutes it is true have from time to time been enacted enforcing or explaining these principles, but the qualifications really arise from the very nature of the Masonic institution, and from its symbolic teachings and have existed as landmarks."

We trust the citation from South Carolina's most illustrious Mason will be satisfactory.

Now Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania was originally under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Although we have been separated from Grand Lodge for one hundred and twenty-one years we still adhere to the Ancient Landmarks.

M. E. Companion GEORGE TWIGGS BRYAN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Sioux Falls, commencing Friday, June 9, 1916.

M. E. Grand High Priest MARCUS POZNANSKY called Grand Chapter to order at nine A. M.

All the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests and representatives of thirty of the thirty-seven Chapters were present.

Companion ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota, favored Grand Chapter with his presence and was received with customary honors.

The Grand High Priest explained that the change in date of meeting from June 15th to June 9th was made to enable those who desired to attend the Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, which met June 18, 19, 20, 1916, in Los Angeles.

The Grand High Priest delivered the customary address.

On October 26, 1915, a new Chapter, to be known as the Olivet Chapter No. 28, was constituted at Clark, South Dakota.

On December 12, 1915, in answer to the question, "Who is eligible to be elected to the office of High Priest of a Chapter?" the following reply was sent: "No general capitular law requires a High Priest of a Chapter to have served as King or Scribe. Grand Chapters, however, have the right to limit the qualifications." The Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter of the State of South Dakota does not place any limit of official service or qualifications upon the High Priest of a Chapter.

Owing to the pressure of business, the Grand High Priest has made but two official visitations during the year. The Grand Lecturer, however, visited twenty-eight Chapters, which he instructed in the work.

Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of $4978.08 on hand, June 9, 1916.

The Grand Secretary in presenting his twenty-sixth annual report says:

"... Am delighted to state that Capitular Masonry has never been in a more promising condition within our Grand Jurisdiction."

Number of members, 3705, a net gain of 141.

The Committee on Dispensation and Charters recommended that the Grand Lecturer proceed at his earliest convenience to Presho and remain there for such a period as may be necessary to instruct the members of Keystone Chapter No. 45 properly to conduct the work and business of said Chapter.

Upon motion of Companion GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary, honorary membership in the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was conferred upon M. E. Companion ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota. Companion SWANSTROM accepted the honor.

Hot Springs was selected as the place for the next Annual Convocation.

The reviewer regrets that Pennsylvania's Proceedings have not been received.

JOHN A. CLEAVER, Grand High Priest, Huron, South Dakota.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

W. T. T.

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## VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 24, 1916.

Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. Grand High Priest JAMES W. S. BUDD.

All the Grand Officers, with the exception of R. E. Companion JOHN R. CHARLETON, Grand King, were present. The Grand King was unable to be present on account of illness.

Representatives of thirty-six subordinate Chapters and eight Past Grand High Priests were also present.

Grand Chapter was favored with a visit from two Past Grand High Priests of Sister Jurisdictions, M. E. THOMAS H. BODGE, of Maine, and M. E. NELSON

WILLIAMS, of Ohio. They were received with the customary honors.

On the second day of the Convocation Companion Most Worshipful Master of Masons in Virginia visited Grand Chapter and was received with Grand Honors.

In his address the Grand High Priest rejoiced in the fact that "no discord has arisen and no discipline has been necessary."

Fraternal tribute was paid to the memory of R. E. Companion JOHN ROBERT CHARLETON, Grand Scribe, whose death occurred on October 15, 1915.

The death of M. E. Companion EDWARD S. CONRAD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, is also recorded. "No man has ever presided over this Grand Chapter who had a cleaner or fairer record."

From the statistics of the Grand Secretary we note that in 1916 there were 493 Companions exalted and that on October 1, 1916, they had 7861 Royal Arch Masons, a net gain of 268 for the year. Also, that they have 11 Chapters, with a membership of over 150, the largest being Norfolk No. 1, with 636 members.

It is interesting to note that during the incumbency of the present Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion JAMES B. BLANKS, who is serving his twenty-

first year in that capacity, the membership has increased from 2407 in 1895 to 7861 Companions in 1916, showing a net gain of 227 per cent. in twenty-one years. For the past ninety-nine years the Grand Chapter has elected only three Grand Secretaries, R. E. Companion Dr. JOHN DOE having served fifty-eight years and R. E. Companion WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS nineteen years.

The report of the Finance Committee shows a cash balance of $668.07 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and bonds to the amount of $2000.

The following amendment was made to the Methodical Digest and was approved:

"Section 14a. The Grand High Priest and Past Grand High Priest shall be entitled to be addressed as 'Most Excellent.' The Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand High Priests as 'Right Excellent,' and the High Priests and Past High Priests of the subordinate Chapters as 'Excellent.' The other officers shall be 'Companions,' viz.: C. of H., P. S., R. A. C., Master of Third Vail, Master of Second Vail, Master of First Vail, and Tiler."

For the benefit of the Pennsylvania Masons we clip the following from the Correspondence on the Pennsylvania proceedings:

"Why Pennsylvania Masons dub G. H. P. 'Most' and yet call their Grand Master only 'Right' is a puzzle to the Masonic world, and Pennsylvania Masons themselves do not know the answer."

The conclusion of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which R. E. Companion JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON is Chairman, will give us some idea of the man and his work and how he accomplished his task:

"Here is your Correspondence Report, finished months before the Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter by a man, no longer young in years, who never missed a train or boat, or was ever behind time in keeping an appointment. The work was a joy, but hard persistent work."

The One Hundred and Tenth Grand Annual Convocation will be held in Masonic Temple, Richmond, Virginia, on October 23, 1917, at eight o'clock.

J. E. W. TIMBERMAN, Grand High Priest, Alexandria, Virginia.

JAMES B. BLANKS, Grand Secretary, Petersburg, Virginia.

W. T. T.

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## WASHINGTON.

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held in Masonic Temple, North Yakima, Washington, on September 26, 1916, and was called to order by M. E. Grand High Priest CHARLES P. KIMBALL.

All the Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Orator, were present, and thirty-seven of the thirty-nine Chapters were represented. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were also present.

Most Excellent PETER PICTON, Past Grand High Priest of North Dakota, was introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest was both interesting and instructive.

We quote the following:

". . . I have urged the officers of the different Chapters to come in contact with the Blue Lodge Masons and give them a chance to see that we have something worthy of their time and consideration. Carrying out this idea I have also urged that part of the degrees be conferred in the different Blue Lodge rooms in the Chapter's jurisdiction, upon receiving the permission of the Grand High Priest to do so. It has been tried out by many of the Chapters with the best of success.

"I have found upon inquiry that the Chapters are not in touch with the Blue Lodge Masons in their jurisdiction, some of them not even knowing what Blue Lodges are in their jurisdictions; one Chapter reported two when there was five.

"If Blue Lodge Masons do not know the advantage of Capitular Masonry, how can we expect them to take an interest in it? With the idea in view of bringing closer relationships of the Chapters and the Blue Lodges, I have urged the different Chapters to go out to the different Lodges to do the work; where they have done this they have invariably met with success and have created an additional interest; this has been very gratifying to me, for I feel as though this was a step in the right direction. One Lodge that had not furnished more than three or four applications in the previous four years, furnished eight during the past year.

"One reason for our poor showing in some localities is on account of the poor work done by the officers. No Companions should accept an office, elective or appointive, unless he has the ambition or willingness to learn our beautiful work. You will find invariably that Chapters that do good work have no trouble to keep up the interest and have good attendance. The high principles of our order are of the greatest importance; if you have them deeply instilled within your hearts, regular attendance and good work will automatically follow."

During the year the Grand High Priest has visited twenty-eight Chapters and traveled over 2500 miles. At one of these visitations the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers of three different Chapters on three different groups of candidates. "This Convocation with three teams was the direct result of meeting the Blue Lodge Masons half way."

The Grand High Priest paid a high tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Companion EDWIN ROSS HARE, and requested Companion ARNSTON to present a suitable memorial address.

The Grand Secretary gives the present membership as 4664, a net gain of 82 for the year; 254 were exalted.

The treasury balance is $5034.51.

The address of the Grand Orator, E. Companion WILLIAM E. YATES, on "The Preservation of the Word," is highly interesting. You will profit by reading it. We quote in part:

". . . The object of Masonry is to symbolize the struggles of a person groping in darkness for intellectual and spiritual light. Ancient Craft Masonry instructs us as to a proper conduct in our daily life, Royal Arch Masonry is instituted to teach us a high conception of God or truth and to remind us of the high estimation the Israelites had of Divine Truth; how they reverenced His great and Holy name; how they represented it; and now we may attain their exalted idea of the Deity. Hence we say in our Royal Arch degrees, His Great and Holy name was considered by Moses as the symbol of Truth. It is the perfection of Divine Truth which every good Mason is seeking, whether it be by the theological ladder of the Church, or passing between the pillars of strength and establishment, or wandering in darkness, beset on every side with dangers, or travelling over rough and rugged roads, weary and worn, whatever be the direction of the journey or how accomplished, Light and Truth are the ultimate objects of our search and labor.

"Masonic labor is the search for the word, the search after Divine Truth; and light is the Masonic reward.

"YANCEY C. BLALOCK ELECTED HONORARY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

"On motion and vote the following was unanimously adopted (Blalock not voting):

" 'Whereas, it is well known that the office of Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington, by reason of its demands upon the time and energy of any one who occupies

that exalted station is of such a character that it precludes the possibility of such officer attaining the highest honor this body has to confer, and,

"'Whereas, the present Grand Secretary has for twenty-seven years faithfully and honorably served this Grand Chapter in that capacity, therefore be it

"'*Resolved,* That the title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest be conferred upon R. E. Companion Yancey C. Blalock, with all the prerogatives of an actual Past Grand High Priest, and be it further

"'*Resolved,* That such dignity and honor shall not be conferred upon any one who has not served this Grand Chapter as an actual Grand High Priest or served as Grand Secretary for at least twenty-five years.'"

In his memorial address on the death of M. E. Companion EDWARD ROSS HARE, E. Companion JOHN M. ARNSTON, who knew him for thirty years, said:

". . . He took great interest in Masonry, believing it to be one of the institutions established under the guiding hand of Providence for the uplift of mankind, and he never tired of working to further its interests. He received many honors in recognition of his services, and seldom have Masonic honors been bestowed upon any more deserving than he.

"He served this jurisdiction as M. W. Grand Master of Masons, . . . R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar, M. E. Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons. He was also a thirty-third degree Inspector General, Honorary, of the Scottish Rite Masons.

"His influence is still at work, for he has left us the most valuable legacy that any man can leave, that of a lofty example.

"In the life of Companion Hare the writer is reminded of the character of the 'Bridge Builder,' portrayed in the following poem:

"An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
'Old man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?'

The builder lifted his old gray head,
'Good friend, in the path I have come,' he said,
'There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me,
To that fairhaired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.' ''

The Committee on Chartered Chapters has reported a number of cases of carelessness in subordinate Chapters, and are taking measures to remedy them.

Companion BLALOCK, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, calls attention in his conclusion to the fact that the differences between Canada and Alberta have been reconciled and that all is again peaceful in that region.

FRANK G. H. BAKER, Grand High Priest, Seattle, Washington.

YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary, Walla Walla, Washington.

W. T. T.

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## WEST VIRGINIA.

The Forty-sixth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Huntington, November 13 and 14, 1916.

M. E. Grand High Priest A. B. C. BRAY called Grand Chapter to order. All the Grand Officers,

fourteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives of forty-two subordinate Chapters were present.

In welcoming the Grand Representatives, Bishop W. L. GRAVATT, Grand Chaplain, said:

". . . Masonry in all its branches has a mission to the world, and I believe I am right in saying its mission was never more needed than today. The same human feelings are as strong in the hearts of men as they were in days gone by, and perhaps, amidst the rush and turmoil of life, the need of Brotherhood is stronger than ever before, as the world grows larger and its temptations and discouragements increase, the real need of sympathy in the stress of every-day affairs grows greater, and it is here we may be of real help to our brothers by doing our part to uplift humanity and to meet the conditions of the Twentieth Century. . . ."

Excellent Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, in behalf of Grand Representatives, responded to the address of welcome as follows:

". . . What does our Order signify? Who can measure its silent influence, the good that has radiated outward and onward through the years, the restraining influence upon the evil motives and acts of men? We have no means that enable us to measure it; we can not even speculate and hazard an opinion; but this we know, that our institution, glorious in its exemplification of the underlying principles of life and being, insisting upon the eradication of ignorance and superstition, striving for the emancipation of humanity from the thraldom of vice and irreligion, has wielded an influence whose potency has helped to make possible the advancement and development of the human race,—an influence that will grow greater and wider with the march of the centuries, until man will recognize his true birthright and dominion and take his proper place among the God-created of the universe.

"This is the object and purpose of Freemasonry. This is its ultimate and goal, and toward that end it labors. Let us then be true men and real Masons, true to our vows, true to our obligations. Let us practice that which we profess, perform that which we promise."

From the Grand High Priest's address we quote the following:

"... I am happy to announce that the most cordial relations continue to exist with our sister jurisdictions, and that the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, with very few exceptions, show evidence of active life and renewed vigor."

The deaths of M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM E. BENNETT and M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest NEIL ROBINSON were announced, and the Grand High Priest requested that suitable memorials be prepared.

Logan Chapter No. 41 was constituted on December 10, 1915.

A three days' session of the Grand Chapter School of Instruction was held in Charleston last April. It was a decided success. The Grand High Priest was present and lent valuable assistance.

Decisions were made as follows:

"1. A subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction has authority to move from one place to another in the same city or town, provided it is the official act of such Chapter and all members thereof duly notified of such change of location.

"2. A ballot for degrees or membership must be taken separately upon each petition. The 'blanket' ballot is not permissible."

On December 17, 1915, a dispensation was issued for a Chapter, to be known as Spencer Chapter U. D.

May 1, 1916, a dispensation was issued for the formation of a Chapter at Mannington, to be known as Acacia Chapter U. D.

Reports of Secretaries to the Grand High Priest indicate a substantial gain in membership, a splendid financial condition, a fair proficiency in ritual and good equipment for work in practically all the Chapters.

"COUNCIL DEGREES.

"From year to year the question of the Council Degrees comes up to aggravate us in our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions. The General Grand Council of the United States and the Grand Councils subordinate thereto do not recognize as legitimate, Cryptic Masons who have received their Select- and Royal-Master degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter. There are at present thirty-one States which are members of the General Grand Council, and eight States which have Grand Councils that are recognized by the General Grand Council. West Virginia and Virginia are the only two States in the Union that confer the cryptic degrees in their Royal Arch Chapters, and, therefore, have no cryptic bodies; thus, our Select- and Royal-Master degrees are minimized at home and considered practically clandestine abroad.

"It has also been decided that the Super-Excellent Master's degree cannot be conferred legally upon Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia, without their becoming members of some recognized Council. I am informed that the Super-Excellent Master's degree is one of the most impressive in Masonry, but, by reason of our anomalous system, we must either gain our knowledge of the degree surreptitiously or never receive it. Other jurisdictions have very courteously conferred this degree upon some of our Companions, but such proceedings have uniformly been declared irregular and not warranted by Masonic law. I am not unmindful that we have Companions who, by reason of their limited knowledge of the subject, or who, fearing to depart from what they deem to be Ancient Land Marks, believe conscientiously that our system is correct. From a ritualistic and chronological standpoint they may be correct, but with the exception of the single State of Virginia, the world is against us.

"Blue Lodge Masons of the State of Virginia knew they were correct in conferring the Royal Arch Degree in Blue Lodges and would not release it until 1820. Who would now dare suggest that the Blue Lodge exercise jurisdiction over the Royal Arch Degree?

"Under our present system, we are denied the right to visit Masonic Bodies working the Select- and Royal-Master's degrees in thirty-nine States of the Union; we are deprived the general knowledge and information of Cryptic Masonry and the full meaning of the degrees; we are denied the

benefit of fraternal relations and fraternal correspondence with the Cryptic world;. we are denied the Super-Excellent Master's Degree, and I am unable to see that we are gaining anything by reason of our policy of standing aloof from the rest of the Craft.

"In order to give our Companions the full benefit of these degrees, as now enjoyed by those of regular Cryptic Jurisdictions, I recommend that steps be taken at this Convocation of the Grand Chapter to amend the Constitution, surrendering jurisdiction over the Select- and Royal-Master's degrees, in order that Councils may be organized under the authority of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and, in case of affirmative action, I am assured that the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council will take immediate steps to 'heal' those who have received their Cryptic Degrees in our Chapters."

It was decided to refer the Grand High Priest's recommendation as to surrendering jurisdiction over the Council Degrees to a Special Committee, who should report on same at the next Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest appointed JOHN W. DE VEBER, Past Grand High Priest; L. H. CLARK, Grand King, and JOHN W. ASHLEY, Grand Lecturer.

Treasury balance November 1, 1916, $9069.07.

Membership in 1916, 7133, an increase of 356 for the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"*Whereas,* All trouble and differences that heretofore existed between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta having been amicably settled; therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That this Grand Chapter recognizes the Grand Chapter of Alberta, extending to them fraternal relations, and that the Grand High Priest ask for an exchange of representatives."

In closing this review we desire to quote from the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. E. Companion K. D. Walker. This will enable you to see how the views of the reviewers differ, and at the same time indicate some of the difficulties confronted:

"When I was notified of my appointment as the one to prepare a review of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters I accepted with many misgivings. My idea of such a review being somewhat at variance with those usually published, I consulted a considerable number of prominent members of this Grand Chapter as to what, in their opinion, such a review should consist of, the result was that I in a measure changed my plan and adopted that which in opinion of my older and wiser Companions was what was needed.

"I have made no lengthy extracts from the eloquent addresses of Grand High Priests. I have offered no criticisms upon their decisions nor offered any opinion thereof. I am not the spokesman of this Grand Chapter and my opinion is worth no more than that of hundreds of other members of this Grand Body, if as much.

"I have made no comment upon the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, the presumption being that they, like our own, do that which they deem best for the Craft, and do not care what other people think of it.

"I have simply collected such decisions and information as would be of service to this Grand Body, thus embodying my own views and following the suggestions of those 'who are older than we' and certainly 'far wiser than we.'"

Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in Parkersburg on the second Monday in November, 1917.

W. K. Cowden, Grand High Priest, Huntington, West Virginia.

D. K. Reed, Grand Secretary, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

W. T. T.

## WISCONSIN.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was held in Scottish Rites Cathedral, Milwaukee, on Tuesday afternoon, February 15, 1916.

Most Excellent WALTER A. CLARK, Grand High Priest.

All the Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, were present. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE O. KELLOGG, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, favored Grand Chapter with his presence.

The death of two permanent members of the Grand Chapter is recorded: Past Grand High Priest M. E. HORACE E. MANN and Past Grand High Priest M. E. HOMER C. CLARK. Appropriate memorials were presented.

The death of Companion CLARK, in an automobile accident, was a great shock to Grand Chapter, as he was only forty-two years old and in excellent health. A noble record was his.

On February 19, 1915, the Grand High Priest constituted Neenah Chapter No. 88 at Neenah, Wisconsin.

On February 23, 1915, Grand Rapids Chapter U. D. was instituted.

On November 15, 1915, a petition was received for a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be known as Kenwood Chapter U. D. This Chapter was instituted on November 24, 1915.

In his address the Grand High Priest said:

"Every closing year passes a challenge to the succeeding year, and every living thing must grow as the four seasons go by, or disintegration will begin; so our very existence means progress, and our opportunity is to meet the challenge of the years.

"From the viewpoint of our field of effort, the closing Capitular Year seems to wear a self-satisfied air; and to those upon whom this is reflected, let us extend our hearty congratulations.

"It is toward the future we are now looking, and judged by the successes of the past year we may rightly expect a steady growth in the coming years.

"In accepting the challenge of the years we must combine our efforts and continue to work in perfect accord to achieve the desired results."

The figures for the Capitular year give evidence of the success, but further on in his address, under the heading "Visitations," we find some of the reasons for this success. We quote again:

"I have had the time, the inclination, and you have afforded me the opportunity, and therefore as Chairman of the Committee on Appliances and Equipment, I have considered it my bounden duty to visit every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and make a personal inspection of the appliances and equipment of each Chapter. Also to approve such appliances and equipment as conformed to the unpublished Edict promulgated at the Grand Chapter Session of February, 1915, and to order discontinued such appliances and equipment as did not conform to that Edict.

"I have therefore visited the eighty-seven chartered Chapters and the two Chapters U. D., and I have the pleasure to report to you, that the appliances and equipment of the several Chapters have been made as nearly uniform as possible, and now (if assurances given me have been carried out, and I have no reason to doubt that they have not been), fully conform to the letter and spirit of the Edict.

"This is a source of gratification to me, and I am sure will be to all who are interested in the vital work of Royal Arch Masonry.

"In visiting each Chapter I have been received with uniform courtesy, kindness and consideration, and have enjoyed to the full, meeting the splendid Companions who compose the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. I have had the high honor of presiding at the conferring of many degrees and have been royally entertained by many Chapters.

"I think that the visit of the Grand High Priest at each Chapter has been highly appreciated and very beneficial; it has seemed to have given new impetus to many Chapters, and revived the interest in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State.

"Over one-half of these visitations was made in the company of our Grand Lecturer, Companion Stockwell, and the warm greeting he has received from the Companions of each Chapter, testifies in the strongest manner possible to the high regard in which he is held by them."

Here we have an example of a well-defined intention and purpose, followed by its performance; but it must not stop; it must go on. This is real success; it means work. Under such conditions there can be no such thing as a "dead chapter." Remember also that nothing succeeds without enthusiasm.

The Grand High Priest recommended that hereafter the following supplies be furnished (without charge) to all new Chapters, viz.: Three keys, three Monitors, twenty-five Petitions for Degrees, one copy of the Constitution and one copy of the last Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest also recommended that charters be granted to Grand Rapids Chapter U. D. and to Kenwood Chapter U. D.

One cannot read the Grand High Priest's address without being filled with the spirit of it, and you do not wonder at this when you read his concluding remarks:

"My year of service will end in a few short hours; it has been a most wonderful year to me, and I feel extremely grateful for the confidence you have reposed in me, and for the opportunity you have afforded me of serving the Royal Craft."

Success; why not? Here is a man with high ideals who recognizes an opportunity to serve his Companions and does it. What a happy man, and how fortunate a Grand Chapter!

The Grand Treasurer, M. E. DAVID H. WRIGHT, in his forty-fifth annual report, shows a balance of $7599.03 on hand.

Companion WRIGHT, who is ninety-six years old, was unable to be present on account of illness.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. WILLIAM W. PERRY, gives the following statistics:

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| Total amount of dues from subordinate Chapters for the year 1915 | $6,628.40 |
| Membership January 1, 1916 | 12,062 |
| Net gain for the year 1915 | 384 |
| Exalted | 712 |
| Died | 177 |
| Chartered Chapters reporting this convocation | 88 |
| Chapters under dispensation this convocation | 2 |
| Chapters represented this convocation | 84 |
| Chapters not represented this convocation | 4 |
| Past Grand High Priests present this convocation | 15 |
| Representatives other Grand Chapters present this convocation | 31 |

The trust funds in the hands of the Grand Trustees amount to $2718.28.

M. E. S. C. STOCKWELL, Grand Lecturer, offers the following:

"I would suggest to our Chapter officers and to Royal Arch Masons generally, that they do not confine their activities, simply to memorizing the ritual, although that should be done first, and then supplement that work by taking a little excursion into contemporary history. Read the Scriptural account of the building of the ancient Temple, of its destruction by the Babylonians and of its rebuilding by the chosen people after their liberation by the conquerors of Babylon. Read the graphic account of the same events given in 'Josephus' in his 'Antiquities of the Jews.' Then if you have the time and the opportunity look up ancient history and read a little of the history of the ancient world of that period and I will assure you 'that your labors shall not go unrewarded.' It will widen your horizon and give you a new interest in Capitular Masonry."

This is an excellent suggestion and needs no further comment.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence calls attention to the fact that over 40 per cent. of the members of the Blue Lodge are also constituent members of the Chapter, a percentage not attained by any other jurisdiction in the Capitular world save one.

ALDRO JENKS, Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

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## CONCLUSION.

The work of gathering from the field of Masonic activity of the world, the grains of truth and interest for those of our own loved jurisdiction has been looked after this year by the usual Committee of five, one of whom takes the place of the one who for years had taken pleasure and profit for himself and others in gleaning from the fields of Masonic industry.

The only cause for regret or anxious foreboding is the bitter strife which seems to be tearing at the vitals of civilization and endeavoring to destroy not only political, civil and religious liberty, but to make brotherly love but a dream. We earnestly hope and pray that the time may soon come when the teachings of our loved fraternity of the universal fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall cover the earth, when the sword shall be beaten into the plowshare and the spear into the pruning hook, when nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, or learn war any more; when government of the people, by the people and for the people shall be the heritage of all nations.

The Committee has found pleasure and profit in the perusal of the reports of the progress of the fraternity in all parts of the world, and trust that the result of their efforts may be of the same benefit to those for whom the labor has been performed.

THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,
*Most Excellent Grand High Priest.*

# THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1916.

| Year | First Grand Chief | Second Grand Chief | Third Grand Chief | Grand Treasurer | Grand Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1795 | William Ball | | | | |
| 1796 | William M. Smith | | | | |
| 1797 | " | Praise Wadman | John Service | Daniel McKarraher | P. LeBarbier Duplessis |
| 1798 | Jonathan B. Smith | " | Thomas Town | " | " |
| 1799 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1800 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1801 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1802 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1803 | Israel Israel | Jonathan B. Smith | " | " | " |
| 1804 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1805 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1806 | James Milnor | " | Frederick Wolbert | Thomas Amies | " |
| 1807 | " | " | John Phillips | " | " |
| 1808 | " | " | " | " | Thomas Passmore |
| 1809 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1810 | " | " | Frederick Erringer | " | A. H. Cohen |
| 1811 | " | " | " | " | Andrew M. Prevost |
| 1812 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1813 | " | Frederick Erringer | Walter Kerr | " | " |
| 1814 | Richard Tybout | " | B. Jones, Jr. | " | " |
| 1815 | Samuel F. Bradford | " | " | " | " |
| 1816 | Walter Kerr | " | James McAlpin | " | George E. Blake |
| 1817 | " | " | " | " | George A. Baker |
| 1818 | Bayse Newcomb | James McAlpin | Lambert Keatting | " | " |
| 1819 | " | Lambert Keatting | William McCorkle | " | " |
| 1820 | " | William McCorkle | Alphonso C. Ireland | " | " |
| 1821 | " | " | Nathan R. Potts | " | " |
| 1822 | Josiah Randall | Nathan R. Potts | Henry Horn | Frederick Erringer | " |
| 1823 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1824 | Michael Nisbet | Henry Horn | Elhanen W. Keyser | " | Nathan R. Potts |

| Year | Grand High Priest | Grand King | Grand Scribe | Grand Treasurer | Grand Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1825 | Michael Nisbet | John Steele, Jr. | Tristram B. Freeman | Frederick Erringer | Nathan R. Potts |
| 1826 | John Steele, Jr. | Tristram B. Freeman | Joseph S. Riley | " | " |
| 1827 | Tristram B. Freeman | Joseph S. Riley | John M. Read | " | Samuel H. Thomas |
| 1828 | Joseph S. Riley | John M. Read | Samuel H. Perkins | " | " |
| 1829 | John M. Read | Samuel H. Perkins | Thomas Kittera | Joseph S. Riley | " |
| 1830 | " | " | Enos S. Gandy | " | " |
| 1831 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1832 | Samuel H. Perkins | Enos S. Gandy | John Y. Black | " | " |
| 1833 | " | " | " | " | John M. Read |
| 1834 | Enos S. Gandy | John Y. Black | Joseph R. Chandler | " | Samuel H. Perkins |
| 1835 | John Y. Black | Joseph R. Chandler | Francis Cooper | " | " |
| 1836 | Joseph R. Chandler | Francis Cooper | George S. Schott | " | " |
| 1837 | " | " | " | " | Samuel M. Stewart |
| 1838 | " | " | " | Charles Stout | " |
| 1839 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1840 | " | Alexander Diamond | George Smith | " | Bayse Newcomb |
| 1841 | Alexander Diamond | George Smith | William Whitney | " | Michael Nisbet |
| 1842 | " | William Whitney | William Barger | " | " |
| 1843 | William Whitney | William Barger | John G. Russell | John Thomson | William H. Adams |
| 1844 | " | " | John W. McGrath | " | " |
| 1845 | William Barger | John W. McGrath | John J. Krider | " | " |
| 1846 | " | " | James Simpson | " | " |
| 1847 | John W. McGrath | John J. Krider | " | " | " |
| 1848 | John J. Krider | James Simpson | David C. Skerrett | " | " |
| 1849 | James Simpson | David C. Skerrett | Edward P. Lescure | " | " |
| 1850 | David C. Skerrett | Edward P. Lescure | Ant. Bournonville | " | " |
| 1851 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1852 | Edward P. Lescure | Ant. Bournonville | Robert Frazer | " | " |
| 1853 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1854 | Ant. Bournonville | Harman Baugh | Robert McCulloch | " | " |
| 1855 | Harman Baugh | John C. Smith | Daniel Thompson | " | " |
| 1856 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1857 | John C. Smith | Daniel Thompson | Jere. L. Hutchinson | " | " |

| Year | Grand High Priest | Grand King | Grand Scribe | Grand Treasurer | Grand Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1858 | Daniel Thompson | Benjamin Parke | Harman Yerkes | John Thomson | William H. Adams |
| 1859 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1860 | Benjamin Parke | Harman Yerkes | Jere. L. Hutchinson | " | " |
| 1861 | Harman Yerkes | Jere. L. Hutchinson | George W. Wood | Peter Williamson | " |
| 1862 | Jere. L. Hutchinson | George W. Wood | Samuel C. Perkins | " | " |
| 1863 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1864 | George W. Wood | Samuel C. Perkins | George Griscom | " | " |
| 1865 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1866 | Samuel C. Perkins | George Griscom | Michael Nisbet | " | " |
| 1867 | " | " | " | " | John Thomson |
| 1868 | George Griscom | Michael Nisbet | Charles E. Meyer | " | " |
| 1869 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1870 | Michael Nisbet | Charles E. Meyer | John Wilson, Jr. | " | " |
| 1871 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1872 | Charles E. Meyer | John Wilson, Jr. | Andrew Robeno, Jr. | Thomas Brown | " |
| 1873 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1874 | Andrew Robeno, Jr. | Robert H. Pattison | George E. Wagner | Thomas R. Patton | " |
| 1875 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1876 | George E. Wagner | Alfred R. Potter | Wm. C. Hamilton | " | " |
| 1877 | Alfred R. Potter | William C. Hamilton | Hibbert P. John | " | " |
| 1878 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1879 | William C. Hamilton | Hibbert P. John | Augustus R. Hall | " | " |
| 1880 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1881 | Hibbert P. John | Augustus R. Hall | G. W. Kendrick, Jr. | " | Charles E. Meyer |
| 1882 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1883 | Augustus R. Hall | G. W. Kendrick, Jr. | Matt's H. Henderson | " | " |
| 1884 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1885 | G. W. Kendrick, Jr. | Matt's H. Henderson | James S. Barber | " | " |
| 1886 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1887 | Matt's H. Henderson | James S. Barber | Alex. H. Morgan | " | " |
| 1888 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1889 | James S. Barber | Alex. H. Morgan | Edgar A. Tennis | " | " |
| 1890 | " | " | " | " | " |

| Year | Grand High Priest | Grand King | Grand Scribe | Grand Treasurer | Grand Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1891 | Alex. H. Morgan | Edgar A. Tennis | Ezra S. Bartlett | Thomas R. Patton | Charles E. Meyer |
| 1892 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1893 | Edgar A. Tennis | Ezra S. Bartlett | Richard M. Johnson | " | " |
| 1894 | " | " | " | " | Charles Cary |
| 1895 | Ezra S. Bartlett | Richard M. Johnson | Michael W. Jacobs | " | " |
| 1896 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1897 | Richard M. Johnson | Michael W. Jacobs | Edward B. Spencer | " | " |
| 1898 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1899 | Michael W. Jacobs | Edward B. Spencer | H. Oscar Kline | " | " |
| 1900 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1901 | Edward B. Spencer | H. Oscar Kline | J. Henry Williams | " | " |
| 1902 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1903 | H. Oscar Kline | J. Henry Williams | William B. Meredith | " | " |
| 1904 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1905 | J. Henry Williams | William B. Meredith | Carl A. Sundstrom | " | " |
| 1906 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1907 | William B. Meredith | Carl A. Sundstrom | A. G. Criswell Smith | " | " |
| 1908 | " | " | " | Edward B. Spencer | " |
| 1909 | Carl A. Sundstrom | A. G. Criswell Smith | George B. Wells | " | " |
| 1910 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1911 | A. G. Criswell Smith | George B. Wells | Winfield S. Bell | " | " |
| 1912 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1913 | George B. Wells | Winfield S. Bell | Samuel Laughlin | " | " |
| 1914 | " | " | " | " | Stockton Bates |
| 1915 | Porter W. Lowry | Thomas McConnell, Jr. | David J. Davis | " | " |
| 1916 | " | " | " | " | George B. Wells |

# THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1916.

## Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

| No. | Name | Constituted in | Place of Meeting | Time of Meeting | Name and Address of Secretary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Jerusalem | 1758 | Philadelphia | Third Monday | Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia |
| 21 | Perseverance | 1827 | Harrisburg | First Monday | Charles C. Shriver, Harrisburg |
| 43 | | 1826 | Lancaster | Third Thursday | Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster |
| 52 | Harmony | 1794 | Philadelphia | First Friday | Robert J. Spratt, Philadelphia |
| 91 | Columbia | 1822 | Philadelphia | Third Wednesday | William P. Buzby, Philadelphia |
| 150 | Washington | 1827 | Washington | First Thursday | Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington |
| 152 | Reading | 1827 | Reading | Second Monday | Edward W. Roderick, Reading |
| 159 | Schuylkill | 1838 | Minersville | Third Thursday | Robert S. Hoffman, Minersville |
| 161 | Union | 1845 | Towanda | Second Wednesday | John W. Codding, Towanda |
| 162 | Zerubbabel | 1836 | Pittsburgh | First Tuesday | Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh |
| 163 | La Fayette | 1848 | Lock Haven | Third Thursday | Harry A. Sorgen, Lock Haven |
| 164 | Brownsville | 1849 | Brownsville | Second Tuesday | William S. Conwell, Brownsville |
| 165 | Union | 1849 | Uniontown | Second Thursday | Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown |
| 166 | Mt. Moriah | 1849 | Hollidaysburg | Third Tuesday | William Brenneman, Hollidaysburg |
| 167 | Eureka | 1849 | Rochester | Second Friday | James W. Doncaster, Rochester |
| 169 | Philadelphia | 1850 | Philadelphia | Second Wednesday | John M. Zook, Philadelphia |
| 170 | Delta | 1851 | New Castle | First Tuesday | Edward L. Smith, New Castle |
| 171 | St. John's | 1852 | Carlisle | First Thursday | Charles C. Martin, Carlisle |
| 172 | Temple | 1853 | Tunkhannock | Monday on or after full moon | Henry M. Lewis, Tunkhannock |
| 173 | Easton | 1853 | Easton | Second Thursday | Edward B. Arndt, Easton |
| 174 | Northumberland | 1853 | Sunbury | Third Tuesday | Charles W. Clement, Sunbury |
| 175 | Keystone | 1853 | Philadelphia | Fourth Monday | Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia |
| 176 | George Washington | 1854 | Chambersburg | Third Monday | W. R. Appenzellar, Chambersburg |
| 177 | Tamaqua | 1854 | Tamaqua | First Friday | Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua |
| 178 | Catawissa | 1855 | Catawissa | Second Wednesday | Luther B. Kline, Catawissa |
| 179 | Eureka | 1855 | Carbondale | Second Wednesday | Horace G. Likely, Carbondale |
| 180 | Warren | 1854 | Montrose | Wednesday after full moon | Freeman I. Lott, Montrose |
| 181 | Lilly | 1855 | Mauch Chunk | Third Tuesday | J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 182 | Shekinah | 1856 | Wilkes-Barre | Third Monday | John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre |
| 183 | Oriental | 1856 | Philadelphia | Third Thursday | George J. Schaefer, Philadelphia |
| 185 | Lackawanna | 1856 | Scranton | Second Tuesday | James Francis Wardle, Scranton |
| 186 | Lewistown | 1856 | Lewistown | Third Tuesday | Wm. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown |
| 187 | Oriental | 1856 | Conneautville | Third Friday | Hervey White, Conneautville |
| 189 | Mountain | 1858 | Altoona | First Thursday | Joseph M. Howe, Altoona |
| 190 | Norristown | 1858 | Norristown | Second Monday | William E. Perry, Norristown |
| 191 | Solomon | 1858 | Meadville | Second Tuesday | Samuel M. Patton, Meadville |
| 192 | Urania | 1859 | Greensburg | Thursday after third Tuesday | Harry N. Yont, Greensburg |
| 193 | Duquesne | 1859 | Pittsburgh | Second Friday | Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh |
| 194 | Tyoga | 1859 | Wellsboro | Second Tuesday | Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro |
| 195 | Portage | 1859 | Johnstown | Third Tuesday | Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown |
| 196 | Mountain City | 1859 | Pottsville | Fourth Monday | Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville |
| 197 | Weidle | 1860 | Lebanon | Second Tuesday | William Winfred Walter, Lebanon |
| 198 | Phœnix | 1861 | Phœnixville | Saturday after full moon | Edwin H. McAllister, Phœnixville |
| 199 | Howell | 1864 | York | Second Wed. after first Monday | John H. Bennett, York |
| 200 | Columbus | 1865 | Corry | Second Tuesday | Perrie G. Wood, Corry |
| 201 | Standing Stone | 1865 | Huntingdon | Third Monday | William L. Johnston, Huntingdon |
| 202 | Howell | 1866 | West Chester | Second Monday | John A. Baker, Pocopson |
| 203 | Allen | 1866 | Allentown | First Monday | Guy H. Gensemer, Allentown |
| 204 | Anthony Wayne | 1866 | Honesdale | Tuesday on or after full moon | Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale |
| 205 | Factoryville | 1866 | Factoryville | Second Wednesday | Fred M. Francis, Dalton |
| 206 | Harmony | 1866 | Beaver Falls | First Thursday | Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls |
| 207 | Aaron | 1866 | Titusville | Third Friday | Emory J. Badger, Titusville |
| 208 | Germantown | 1866 | Germantown,Phila. | Third Monday | E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila. |
| 209 | Samuel C. Perkins | 1866 | Mechanicsburg | Second Monday | Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg |
| 210 | Great Bend | 1866 | Great Bend | Second Thursday | Warren F. Simrell, Hallstead |
| 211 | Venango | 1866 | Franklin | Second Friday | James M. Bridges, Franklin |
| 212 | Mound | 1866 | Greenville | Fourth Monday | Frank D. Long, Greenville |
| 214 | Valley | 1867 | Plymouth | Fourth Friday | Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth |
| 215 | Temple | 1867 | Erie | Second Friday | Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie |
| 216 | Zinzendorf | 1867 | Bethlehem | Second Tuesday | Milton M. Mitman, Bethlehem |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 217 | Allegheny | 1868 | Pittsburgh, N. S. | First Friday | Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny |
| 218 | Bloomsburg | 1868 | Bloomsburg | First Thursday | George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg |
| 219 | Griscom | 1868 | Ashland | Third Thursday | James Magrady, Locust Gap |
| 220 | Fort Washington | 1868 | Fort Washington | Second Thursday | John K. Earnest, Ambler |
| 221 | Tremont | 1869 | Tremont | Third Thursday | Henry W. Hibshman, Tremont |
| 222 | Lycoming | 1869 | Williamsport | Second Tuesday | Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport |
| 223 | Oxford | 1869 | Oxford | Wednesday after full moon | Joseph Leeke, Oxford |
| 224 | Corinthian | 1869 | Columbia | Second Tuesday | Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia |
| 225 | Jefferson | 1869 | Brookville | First Monday | William A. Kelly, Brookville |
| 226 | Siloam | 1869 | Frankford, Phila. | Third Wednesday | Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila. |
| 227 | Emporiam | 1870 | Emporium | Third Tuesday | John D. Logan, Emporium |
| 228 | Clearfield | 1870 | Clearfield | Third Friday | Frank Urey, Clearfield |
| 230 | Elk | 1870 | Ridgway | Third Tuesday | William Patterson, Ridgway |
| 232 | St. John | 1871 | Philadelphia | First Tuesday | William F. Tracy, Philadelphia |
| 233 | Kensington | 1871 | Philadelphia | Fourth Wednesday | Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia |
| 234 | Media | 1871 | Media | Fourth Monday | Ulysses G. Realey, Media |
| 235 | Occidental | 1871 | Warren | Second Monday | Gilbert M. Hevenor, Warren |
| 236 | Oil City | 1871 | Oil City | First Monday | James A. Long, Oil City |
| 237 | Excelsior | 1871 | Reading | Third Tuesday | William F. Kinch, Reading |
| 238 | Newport | 1872 | Newport | First Monday | Melvin W. Watson, Newport |
| 239 | Danville | 1872 | Danville | First Monday | Bruce A. McCracken, Danville |
| 240 | Palestine | 1872 | Philadelphia | Second Friday | Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia |
| 241 | Bellefonte | 1872 | Bellefonte | First Friday | William B. Rankin, Bellefonte |
| 242 | Pittston | 1873 | Pittston | Second Thursday | Louis P. Bierly, Pittston |
| 243 | T. B. Freeman | 1873 | Philadelphia | First Tuesday | Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia |
| 244 | Norman | 1873 | Sharon | Second Friday | Edward J. Murchie, Sharon |
| 245 | Abington | 1873 | Jenkintown | Third Tuesday | John C. Fithian, Jenkintown |
| 246 | Warrior Run | 1874 | Watsontown | Tuesday after full moon | Fred A. Reen, Watsontown |
| 247 | Orient | 1874 | Kittanning | Second Monday | William E. McGarvey, Kittanning |
| 248 | Temple | 1874 | Philadelphia | Third Tuesday | William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia |
| 249 | Monongahela | 1874 | Monongahela | Third Thursday | Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela |
| 250 | Corinthian | 1874 | Philadelphia | First Monday | William Ross, Philadelphia |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 251 | Signet | 1874 | Philadelphia | Fourth Friday | Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia |
| 252 | Mizpah | 1875 | Mahanoy City | Second Thursday | Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City |
| 254 | Arnold | 1877 | Port Allegany | Second Tuesday | George E. Lauer, Port Allegany |
| 255 | Bedford | 1876 | Bedford | Third Thursday | Daniel W. Beam, Bedford |
| 256 | University | 1877 | Philadelphia | Third Tuesday | J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch |
| 257 | Shiloh | 1877 | Pittsburgh | Third Monday | George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg |
| 258 | Chester | 1877 | Chester | Second Tuesday | Wesley R. Morgan, Chester |
| 259 | Eden | 1878 | Clarion | Second Tuesday | Samuel F. Brush, Clarion |
| 260 | Bradford | 1880 | Bradford | Third Thursday | Frank C. Whitling, Bradford |
| 261 | Troy | 1882 | Troy | Thurs. on or before full moon | Chas. N. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co. |
| 262 | Montgomery | 1882 | Ardmore | Third Thursday | Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne |
| 263 | Coudersport | 1882 | Coudersport | First Wednesday | P. Luther Hatch, Coudersport |
| 264 | Shamokin | 1883 | Shamokin | Second Wednesday | Charles K. Morgenroth, Shamokin |
| 265 | Westfield | 1883 | Westfield | First Friday | George W. Sutton, Westfield |
| 266 | Good Samaritan | 1886 | Gettysburg | Third Thursday | Winfield S. Schroder, Gettysburg |
| 267 | Coatesville | 1887 | Coatesville | Third Thursday | William H. Brown, Coatesville |
| 268 | Pittsburgh | 1888 | Pittsburgh | Second Monday | Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh |
| 269 | Ulysses | 1888 | Ulysses | Second Wednesday | Harry H. Hosley, Ulysses |
| 270 | Doylestown | 1889 | Doylestown | Second Tuesday | Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown |
| 271 | Pottstown | 1890 | Pottstown | Third Tuesday | Timothy Shive, Pottstown |
| 272 | Hebron | 1890 | Meyersdale | Second Monday | Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale |
| 273 | Butler | 1891 | Butler | Third Tuesday | William H. Miller, Butler |
| 274 | Bangor | 1891 | Bangor | Third Wednesday | Robert S. Wagner, Bangor |
| 275 | Kennett | 1892 | Kennett Square | First Tuesday | James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall |
| 276 | The Susquehanna | 1892 | Susquehanna | Second Friday | George W. Gleason, Susquehanna |
| 277 | Hazleton | 1893 | Hazleton | Third Monday | Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton |
| 278 | Catasauqua | 1894 | Catasauqua | Second Monday | Ralph C. Boyer, Catasauqua |
| 279 | Kane | 1895 | Kane | Third Wednesday | Frederick Kime, Kane |
| 280 | Cyrus | 1898 | Carnegie | Third Thursday | William A. Love, Carnegie |
| 281 | Monroe | 1898 | Stroudsburg | Second Friday | Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg |
| 282 | McKeesport | 1899 | McKeesport | Second Thursday | Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport |
| 283 | Connellsville | 1900 | Connellsville | Third Tuesday | Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 284 | Melita | 1903 | Philadelphia | Second Monday | Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia |
| 285 | Wilkinsburg | 1904 | Wilkinsburg | Second Friday | Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg |
| 286 | Bellevue | 1904 | Bellevue | Second Friday | Seward M. Ward, Bellevue |
| 287 | Nanticoke | 1908 | Nanticoke | First Monday | Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke |
| 288 | Mizpeh | 1908 | Pittsburgh, N. S. | Second Tuesday | George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S. |
| 289 | Valley | 1908 | Wilmerding | Second Friday | John T. Small, Wilmerding |
| 290 | Monessen | 1908 | Monessen | Second Tuesday | William D. Cowan, Monessen |
| 291 | Ezra | 1909 | South Bethlehem | First Friday | Frank W. Martenis, S. Bethlehem |
| 292 | Slatington | 1909 | Slatington | Third Monday | Elmer L. Engle, Slatington |
| 293 | Amity | 1910 | Athens | Second Friday | George D. Bonfoey, Sayre |
| 294 | Darius | 1911 | McDonald | Third Tuesday | Benjamin Frankle, McDonald |
| 295 | Siegfried | 1913 | Siegfried | Third Tuesday | George P. Stem, Northampton |
| 296 | Zebulun | 1913 | Blossburg | Second Wednesday | James Roy Bonney, Blossburg |
| 297 | Homewood | 1913 | Pittsburgh | Second Thursday | William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh |
| 298 | Milton | 1914 | Milton | Second Friday | Charles W. Mack, Milton |
| 299 | Bellefield | 1915 | Pittsburgh | Third Tuesday | Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh |
| 300 | Coraopolis | 1915 | Coraopolis | Third Monday | Ralph L. Noss, Coraopolis |
| 301 | Lansdale | 1915 | Lansdale | Third Monday | Samuel C. Eaton, Lansdale |
| 302 | Jordan | 1916 | Allentown | First Tuesday | Preston J. Everett, Allentown |

## MARK LODGES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 214 | Girard | 1847 | Philadelphia | Second Tuesday | Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia |
| 216 | Excelsior | 1854 | Philadelphia | Third Tuesday | Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia |

# STATISTICS

## From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1916.

| No. | Name | Marked | Adm. | Died | Res. | Sus. | Memb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Jerusalem | 35 | 4 | 22 | 7 | 7 | 703 |
| 21 | Perseverance | 20 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 349 |
| 43 | | 11 | | 4 | | 2 | 365 |
| 52 | Harmony | 64 | 7 | 26 | 3 | 3 | 1,217 |
| 91 | Columbia | 43 | 5 | 16 | 7 | | 790 |
| 150 | Washington | 18 | | 4 | | 3 | 311 |
| 152 | Reading | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 11 | 241 |
| 159 | Schuylkill | 1 | | 1 | | | 52 |
| 161 | Union | 4 | | 8 | 1 | | 193 |
| 162 | Zerubbabel | 24 | 2 | 25 | 3 | 22 | 1,156 |
| 163 | La Fayette | 14 | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 178 |
| 164 | Brownsville | 16 | | 3 | 1 | | 179 |
| 165 | Union | 24 | 1 | 2 | 8 | | 238 |
| 166 | Mount Moriah | 11 | 1 | 3 | | | 128 |
| 167 | Eureka | 14 | | 2 | | | 196 |
| 169 | Philadelphia | 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 242 |
| 170 | Delta | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 385 |
| 171 | St. John's | | | 6 | 3 | | 141 |
| 172 | Temple | 5 | | 2 | | | 119 |
| 173 | Easton | 38 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 354 |
| 174 | Northumberland | 12 | 1 | 1 | | | 167 |
| 175 | Keystone | 29 | 2 | 22 | 4 | 6 | 680 |
| 176 | George Washington | 9 | | 2 | | | 161 |
| 177 | Tamaqua | 1 | | | | | 87 |
| 178 | Catawissa | 4 | | 2 | | 1 | 58 |
| 179 | Eureka | 14 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 191 |
| 180 | Warren | 4 | | 2 | 2 | | 48 |
| 181 | Lilly | 4 | | 4 | | | 147 |
| 182 | Shekinah | 72 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 439 |
| 183 | Oriental | 124 | 9 | 37 | 7 | 29 | 1,303 |
| 185 | Lackawanna | 30 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 498 |
| 186 | Lewistown | 6 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 125 |
| 187 | Oriental | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | 99 |
| 189 | Mountain | 12 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 404 |
| 190 | Norristown | 17 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 443 |
| 191 | Solomon | 18 | | 3 | 1 | 4 | 140 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 192 | Urania | 28 | | 8 | 1 | | 389 |
| 193 | Duquesne | 27 | 1 | 20 | 3 | 13 | 977 |
| 194 | Tioga | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 57 |
| 195 | Portage | 23 | | 4 | | 1 | 312 |
| 196 | Mountain City | 8 | | 5 | 1 | | 176 |
| 197 | Weidle | 11 | | 3 | | | 206 |
| 198 | Phœnix | 14 | 6 | 4 | | 8 | 260 |
| 199 | Howell | 32 | | 4 | 1 | 12 | 275 |
| 200 | Columbus | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 110 |
| 201 | Standing Stone | 5 | | 3 | | | 109 |
| 202 | Howell | 16 | | 2 | | | 195 |
| 203 | Allen | 27 | | 6 | 24 | 1 | 389 |
| 204 | Anthony Wayne | 27 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 122 |
| 205 | Factoryville | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 12 | 56 |
| 206 | Harmony | 13 | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 225 |
| 207 | Aaron | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 71 |
| 208 | Germantown | 24 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 352 |
| 209 | Samuel C. Perkins | | | 5 | 1 | | 69 |
| 210 | Great Bend | 4 | | | | 1 | 31 |
| 211 | Venango | 4 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 226 |
| 212 | Mound | 16 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 223 |
| 214 | Valley | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 76 |
| 215 | Temple | 22 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 471 |
| 216 | Zinzendorf | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 135 |
| 217 | Allegheny | 20 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 826 |
| 218 | Bloomsburg | 4 | | | 1 | 3 | 91 |
| 219 | Griscom | 5 | | 1 | 1 | | 125 |
| 220 | Fort Washington | 3 | | 3 | 2 | | 64 |
| 221 | Tremont | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | 79 |
| 222 | Lycoming | 38 | 1 | 15 | 1 | | 508 |
| 223 | Oxford | 5 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 111 |
| 224 | Corinthian | 10 | 2 | 6 | | | 137 |
| 225 | Jefferson | 5 | | 5 | 2 | | 291 |
| 226 | Siloam | 27 | 3 | 2 | | 3 | 345 |
| 227 | Emporium | | | 3 | | | 89 |
| 228 | Clearfield | 8 | 3 | 2 | | 6 | 233 |
| 230 | Elk | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 167 |
| 232 | St. John | 13 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 265 |
| 233 | Kensington | 17 | | 13 | 1 | | 545 |
| 234 | Media | 6 | | 3 | 3 | | 167 |
| 235 | Occidental | 11 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 192 |
| 236 | Oil City | 5 | | 3 | 1 | | 253 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 237 | Excelsior | 14 | 11 | 9 | 3 | | 475 |
| 238 | Newport | 1 | | | | | 74 |
| 239 | Danville | 1 | 1 | | | | 80 |
| 240 | Palestine | 24 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 20 | 650 |
| 241 | Bellefonte | 4 | 2 | | | | 98 |
| 242 | Pittston | 15 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 188 |
| 243 | T. B. Freeman | 34 | 2 | 23 | 4 | 6 | 833 |
| 244 | Norman | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 247 |
| 245 | Abington | 10 | 2 | | | 2 | 152 |
| 246 | Warrior Run | 10 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 128 |
| 247 | Orient | 6 | 1 | 3 | | 4 | 244 |
| 248 | Temple | 24 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 318 |
| 249 | Monongahela | 31 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 266 |
| 250 | Corinthian | 12 | 2 | 11 | | 10 | 347 |
| 251 | Signet | 12 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 252 |
| 252 | Mizpah | 5 | | 6 | | | 96 |
| 254 | Arnold | 3 | | | | | 43 |
| 255 | Bedford | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 98 |
| 256 | University | 74 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 935 |
| 257 | Shiloh | 20 | 2 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 602 |
| 258 | Chester | 17 | | 8 | 4 | | 402 |
| 259 | Eden | 7 | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 179 |
| 260 | Bradford | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 253 |
| 261 | Troy | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | 88 |
| 262 | Montgomery | 6 | | 1 | | 5 | 245 |
| 263 | Coudersport | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 84 |
| 264 | Shamokin | 7 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 165 |
| 265 | Westfield | | | | | 2 | 41 |
| 266 | Good Samaritan | 12 | | 2 | | | 139 |
| 267 | Coatesville | 15 | | 4 | | 1 | 212 |
| 268 | Pittsburgh | 22 | 1 | 9 | | 1 | 585 |
| 269 | Ulysses | 6 | 1 | | | | 54 |
| 270 | Doylestown | 9 | | 3 | | | 141 |
| 271 | Pottstown | 13 | 1 | 7 | | 4 | 223 |
| 272 | Hebron | 7 | 1 | 3 | | | 109 |
| 273 | Butler | 16 | 2 | 1 | | 7 | 274 |
| 274 | Bangor | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 110 |
| 275 | Kennett | 17 | | 1 | | | 90 |
| 276 | Susquehanna | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 69 |
| 277 | Hazleton | 10 | | 1 | | | 184 |
| 278 | Catasauqua | 3 | | 1 | | | 114 |
| 279 | Kane | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | 91 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 280 | Cyrus | 18 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 397 |
| 281 | Monroe | 6 | | 2 | | 1 | 125 |
| 282 | McKeesport | 17 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 656 |
| 283 | Connelsville | 11 | | | | | 171 |
| 284 | Melita | 43 | 1 | 8 | 7 | | 752 |
| 285 | Wilkinsburg | 26 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 4 | 364 |
| 286 | Bellevue | 9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 322 |
| 287 | Nanticoke | | | | | | 29 |
| 288 | Mizpeh | 11 | | 1 | | | 235 |
| 289 | Valley | 6 | | 1 | 3 | | 185 |
| 290 | Monessen | 37 | | 2 | | | 207 |
| 291 | Ezra | 8 | | 2 | | 1 | 122 |
| 292 | Slatington | 6 | | 2 | 1 | | 74 |
| 293 | Amity | 11 | 2 | 1 | | | 111 |
| 294 | Darius | 10 | 1 | | | | 104 |
| 295 | Siegfried | 17 | | 1 | | | 101 |
| 296 | Zebulun | 4 | | 2 | | | 36 |
| 297 | Homewood | 16 | 2 | 1 | | | 167 |
| 298 | Milton | 11 | | 2 | | | 96 |
| 299 | Bellefield | 40 | 2 | 1 | | | 143 |
| 300 | Coraopolis | 40 | 3 | | | | 73 |
| 301 | Lansdale | 26 | 2 | 1 | | | 69 |
| 302 | | 90 | 4 | | | | 117 |
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